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THE  
*Spanish-Austrian*  
LEAGUE:

OR, THE  
ORIGIN *and* CAUSES

Of that long and  
BLOODY WAR,

WHICH WAS

Fomented and carried on by the *Je-*  
*suits* and their Adhærents the *Emperor*  
and the *King of Spain* in *Bohemia*,  
during the Reign of King FREDERIC  
the Elector *Palatine*, Grandfather to  
his present MAJESTY of GREAT BRITAIN.

TO THE

Utter Extirpation of the Religious and  
Civil Liberties of the Protestants of that  
Kingdom; to the Devastation and Spoil of  
*Germany* itself; to the Distraction of the  
flourishing State of *Great Britain*, by that  
fatal Civil War in the Reign of K. *Charles Ist.*  
And to the total Confusion of *Europe*.

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TO THE  
Right Honourable  
Sir John Eyles, Bart.

Lord Mayor of the City of LONDON.

My LORD,  
THE Design of the following Translation being merely to revive to the View of these Nations that abominable Tragoedy, which was acted in *Bohemia*, a Century since, by two or three bigotted, *Popish* Tools, to the Destruction of a City, an University and a whole Kingdom, at a time when Men of the same Principles, or (rather) equally bigotted are contriving to act the same upon this Theatre and in this Age, I thought I might innocently enough gratify an Ambition of sheltering it under a NAME, that can effectually secure it against the strongest Storms of a guilty Faction.

As this Nation, my Lord, has frequently been blessed with good *Princes*, so have its Cities been honour'd with good *Magistrates*, who have in times of Difficulty often given glorious Proofs of their *Loyalty* to their *Sovereign* and their *Love* to their *Country*. Of this, none can produce more eminent Instances than that August  
City

*Dedication.*

City, of which your Lordship is deservedly the *Supreme Magistrate*. Your Lordship; notwithstanding the other high and arduous Stations of Life to which the free Voices of your Country have call'd you, seems providentially designed to this great Trust of Power and Prudence, at a time when the Crown is threatned with a War from *abroad*; as (not many Years since) it was with a Rebellion at *home*, when a true *Protestant Predecessor* of your Lordship's bravely possess'd the PRÆTORIAN Chair.

Under your Lordships Auspicy we are confident, no rude, tumultuous Sounds of Rabble shall interrupt the Peace of this great and flourishing City; nor seditious and cowardly Insinuations of foreign Agents or servile *Memorialists* infect the Minds of your fellow Senators and Citizens. What may not be expected from a Protestant, a Scholar, and a Gentleman? But here I may as insensibly be led into an Excess of the Rules of Decency, as of the Limits of a *Dedication*, and therefore I abruptly (though humbly) retire from your Lordship's Notice, who am,

My LORD,

Your Lordship's

Most devoted

And most obedient, humble Servant

The Translator.



T H E  
P R E F A C E.

**I** NOW offer to my Country  
a Translation of a Latin  
Manuscript, which has  
been in my Hands ever  
since his Majesty's happy  
Accession to the Crown of  
these Realms. The Original was written,  
here in England by Barthol. Mikysco, and  
Caspar Hlawacius, Fellows of the Univer-  
sity of Prague in Bohemia, and Exiles in  
London, at the Request of a worthy Di-  
vine in Norfolk. I have presented them  
to the World in as true and just a Light  
as I could, that is, the Reader has a  
fair and an honest Translation of the  
Original, unembellish'd by affected Turns  
of Oratory, conceited Refinements, or la-  
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*bour'd Cadences. Whatever I could discover to be the true and proper Sense of the Authors, that I have strictly adher'd to; and given it in that Stile only, which in my poor Opinion would do them the greatest Justice. For I think I could not pay a juster Tribute to the Ashes of these worthy Confessors, than to revive them to the World in a Dress of their own choosing. Besides, when we attend to the Relation of bare Matters of Fact, which is the Case before us, it can't be supposed that the Reader should be entertain'd with that Elegancy and Politeness that is expected from mere Speculation, or from those Essays whose Design is rather to amuse than inform him. This is all I shall offer in Apology for the Plainness of the Performance. If the Subject itself should happily meet with a friendly Reception in this homely Dress, there won't be wanting those who may hereafter polish it up to the Goust of the more elegant Palates.*

*The Truth is, through the whole appears such a just Resentment and strong Indignation towards the Authors and Instruments of Tyranny and Slavery, so passionate a Regard for the Honour of God, and so warm an Affection for their Country's Liberty, that to offer to refine upon them would be as impracticable*

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*ble as injurious. Who can imagine that two Gentlemen, two Scholars, two Protestants, two free Bohemians could possibly express their Resentments or describe their Miseries with less Fire? Even the Common, low Order of People could not but sigh out in deepest Groans the loss of their little Property, of their dearest Friends and Relations, of that glorious thing Liberty, who only seem'd less concern'd than others, because they wanted Words to express their Grief. But when such and greater Sufferings affect Minds that are nicely apprehensive, concern Men of thorough Knowledge and Education, Men, who from an intimate and universal Acquaintance with all that is eligible in this Life, form true and just Notions of the Glories of that which is to come; who both from Nature and Religion detest Cruelty and Barbarity, as much as they delight in Mercy and Humanity; when such Minds are affected, I say, no wonder that the whole Force of Language is marshall'd to their Assistance, and the collected Darts of sacred Rage fall sharply pointed upon the woeful Offenders, facit Indignatio Versum. — What could more sharpen the Complaints of oppressed Mankind, than after they had been basely stripp'd of every Thing that was valuable to them, of every Thing that could*

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*make this Life easy to them, to be told Sarcastically, that it was for the Good of their Souls, to be villainously held out to the World as Traytors and Rebels, and thus to loose their Privileges with a Jest, and their good Report by a Jesuitical Fetch? But it must be that where Villainy is triumphant, there Innocence will be oppress'd.*

*Our Authors have made all and more than this so evident in the following Sheets, that I shall refer the Reader to the Entertainment it self: Only for the Sake of those who may not have been conversant with the History of that Time and Country, I shall in a few Words give them so much Light as is necessary to lead them into an equal and unprejudic'd Understanding of the whole Affair. (But it will be proper to signify by the Way, that by the Phrases Golden Bull, Pragmatic Sanction, Majestatic and Rudolphine Diploma and other such unusual Terms, is intended nothing but those Acts by which the Rights and Privileges of the Empire and the Bohemians were settled and secur'd to them, as ours are in England by what we call MAGNA CHARTA.)*

*Authors give us about fifty two Dukes and Kings of Bohemia, from the beginning of that Government down to the time of the Emperor Charles Vth, when the House*  
of



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of Austria first took Possession of it. It is plain from that History, that to this Prince's Time the Bohemians constantly elected their Kings, or at least freely received none without an Engagement to preserve their Privileges, &c. And though we are told by a very good Authority, that learned Prelate Dr. W. Nicholson late Archbishop of Cassels, that the Emperor Henry IVth, in a Diet of the Empire at Mentz, created Wratisslaus Duke of Bohemia a King, and set a Crown of Gold upon his Head about the Year 1082; from which Time the Emperors always claim'd a Right of incesting their Kings, and frequently spirited a Rebellion in the People against those who would not receive such Investiture at their Hands: Yet it is evident enough in many Instances, that they have proceeded to elect their Kings without any Regard to this Imperial Claim, have drove out such Kings whose Interest has been supported by the Emperors of Germany, and establish'd those of their own chusing, notwithstanding their powerful Opposition to it. Albert of Austria, who ungratefully attempted to deprive the Bohemians of the Privilege of electing their Kings, had never been Emperor had he kept his Word, or King of Bohemia had he not given it. For he accepted the Kingdoms of Bohemia and Hungary upon

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*a solemn Stipulation with the States, that he should not accept the Empire; the Hussites being justly apprehensive of the Danger that such an Accession of Power must subject their Privileges to, and of his Inclination to annul them. And they found not themselves mistaken; for as soon as he was chosen Emperor, contrary to his Treaty with them, he made it his chief Concern to suppress the Hussites, and to deprive the Bohemians of all they had been fighting for, especially of their known Right of electing their Kings. But these Violences were of very short Duration; for the Providence of God diverted him by a War against the Turks, and he died on his March against them before he had reigned two Years. His Son Uladislauus succeeded; but he being young, the great John Huniades was chosen Governour during his Minority: and then the Hussites had some respite from Oppression. But when the young King came of Age, he soon reviv'd the old Persecution against them and soon died, aged 23. George Podebrache who had been Governour of the Kingdom a part of his Minority, was upon his Decease, An. 1458. chosen Regent. But his seeming Holiness, the Pope of Rome excommunicated him, and raised a Rebellion against him, because he favoured the Hussites and*  
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shook off his vile Yoke: However in spite of all the Father's Bulls and Bells and the Opposition of two powerful Competitors, he kept his Government, and died in Peace 1471. Then was chosen Uladislaus the Sixth, Son to Casimir King of Poland, who reigned to the Year 1516. For the Emperor Frederic III<sup>d</sup>, though he reigned 53 Years, could never recover either Bohemia or Hungary, which some say he lost by Covetousness. So that Lewis, Son of Casimir succeeded, but being under Age, he was put under the Protection of the Emperor Maximilian Ist, and Sigismund King of Poland. But Lewis being unfortunately drown'd in a Morass at the Battle of Mohatz, where the Turks defeated him Oct. 29. 1526. the House of Austria once more crept into the Possession of the Bohemian Crown, and (excepting that little time the Elector Palatine enjoy'd it) have kept it ever since, to the utter enslaving that Poor, unhappy People. Our Authors have carried the History down to their own times so well, that I need only give a summary Account from Puffendorff of the Origin of this War, and so bring it to a Conclusion; for their Detail of Transactions terminates at 1646. whereas the Peace was not concluded till 1648.



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*It seems in the religious Peace concluded at Passau 1552. only two Parties were included (viz.) the Papists and those of the Augsburg Confession, all others being denied the free Exercise of their Religion in the Empire. But some of the States of the Empire having since that time embrac'd that part of the reform'd Religion which is called Calvinism, the Papists would have secluded them the Benefit of the religious Peace. But they on the other Hand (among whom were chief the Elector Palatine, and the Landgrave of Hesse Cassel alledg'd) that as the Difference between them and the Lutherans was not very circumstantial, that therefore they ought equally with them to be deem'd of the Augsburg Confession.*

*But the Lutherans, who strictly adher'd to the Words of that Confession, refus'd to admit them to their Communion, though they could not think that they were to be deserted to the persecuting Spirit of the Papists, on account of the Differences then subsisting between them. Nevertheless, through the Rashness of some warm Lutheran Priests, these Differences were so aggravated and the controverted Points so explain'd or rather perplex'd, that the Name of a Calvinist became as odious to some of the Lutherans, as that of a Papist. The Papists knew very well  
what*

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*what Advantage to make of this, and therefore made their Court to the Lutherans (especially those of the Electorate of Saxony) and when they had gain'd their Ear, easily won them to a Belief that the Calvinists were Enemies equally dangerous to them both, and thus by a mutual Diffusion of these contending Protestant Neighbours, they doubted not to destroy them both whenever they should attempt it. It was thought necessary therefore to the common Security of those of the Reformed Religion, that they should enter into a Confederacy; which they did, and from the Accession of many Protestant Princes to it, it was call'd the Evangelical Union. The Papists on their Part form'd an Alliance, which they call'd the Catholic League. At the Head of this were the Emperor, the King of Spain, and the Duke of Bavaria. The Design of this League was not only to disannul the Agreement made at Passau, where the free Exercise of Religion was secur'd to the Protestants, till Things could be better adjusted at the approaching Diet, to revoke the religious Peace establish'd in Germany afterwards at the Diet of Augsburg (where it was provided that neither Party should molest each other under the Pretext of Religion, and that such of the Church-Lands and Revenues as the Protestants had been possess'd of before the*

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*Peace concluded at Passau, should remain in their Possession) but to subdue all the States of the Empire both Protestants and Catholicks, and so to make these mighty Monarchs the Arbiters of the religion, Trade and Liberty of all Europe. Thus the Flame first broke out in Bohemia, where they thought they had just Cause to begin; which how just it was these two Martyrs will tell you: As also how just it was in the Elector of Saxony, a Protestant, to desert this Evangelical League, and in the midst of Action to clap up a separate Peace with the common Enemy, with Papists, who were ravaging the World with Fire and Sword. Had not the generous GUSTAVUS ADOLPHUS stepp'd forth, where would have been the Liberties of the Empire? where the Ballance of Europe? And how basely was the Palgrave deserted by those whose Duty and Interest it was to have contributed their utmost to his Support, seeing he voluntarily engag'd himself in the common Cause of Liberty and Religion. But though through the unaccountable tergiversation of those whom even near Relation should have led to his Assistance, this truly Protestant King Frederic was not very happy in his Person, yet in his Posterity he has been amply recompenc'd, since by his Daughter her late Royal Highness the Princess Sophia, one of the most accomplish'd Prin-*



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*Princesses of her time, the great Preserver of Mankind has given Great Britain another Protestant Deliverer, our present most Gracious Sovereign King GEORGE, from whose Royal Loins in the Course of the same good Providence a Frederic already happily descended, may one Day sway the British Sceptre. This War was at last after thirty Years Continuance concluded by the Treaties of Osnabrug and Munster. By this Peace, the Authority of the States of Germany and the Protestant Religion were establish'd so firmly and the Emperor's Authority so well bounded, that it would not easily be in his Power hereafter to disturb either of them. But the poor Bohemians have not so much as the free Exercise of Religion allowed them to this Day.*

*But now we see a new Spanish-Austrian, or Austrio-Spanish League upon the Carpet, the profess'd Design of which is far more extensively injurious than the other. That was only pretended to defend the Popish Religion against a dangerous Protestant Union, not to impeach the common Rights of Mankind (though there was more in the Grass); but here they barefacedly avow a Design of disposing and seizing of Towns and Kingdoms, of Trade and Navigation, in Defiance of all Remonstrances of Breaches of as solemn Treaties.*

as can be made to secure Property, and in contempt of all Decency for those Regards of Gratitude which a long Series of many and extraordinary good Services from these Nations may justly challenge. Does this new League imagine that a Nation who has so generously and successfully aggrandiz'd another, cannot as powerfully resent an ill Use of that borrowed Greatness? We are not so near our Stumps as to bear contentedly whatever Indignities the Caprice or alter'd Schemes of a Prince may throw upon us. We have a King and we have a Senate: We have a Fleet and we have Britons, that at Sight are ready to convince any fond, rash Aggressor that we are not very safely to be affronted. And here one cannot but as a true Englishman detest the little, vile Scriblings of a race of Mungrels, who insist upon being English Breed: One of them, who has already been led out of the Chambers of Death by the Goodness of his injur'd Sovereign, to whom he had long since forfeited his Life, has most ungratefully, with what Weight he could (though light enough poor Creature!) hung upon the Wheels of his Majesty's happy Administration. In vain doth he endeavour in this part of the Age to bully himself into considerableness: That will only do with the Wax-Chandler before Gibraltar, or his old Friend

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*Friend the Transalpine abjur'd Pretender  
and his attainted Renegadoes; pudet  
hæc opprobria dici.*

*The rest of his abandon'd Fraternity  
rake up their weekly Filth for a squalid  
Journal, that has been the Receptacle for  
all the common Filth of the Town these 12  
or 13 Years past, into which every sour'd  
Jacobite is at Liberty to belch his Crudi-  
ties, when he knows not how to digest  
what he receives. These pretend to tell  
us upon what Grounds and upon what  
Foot a War should commence, when Eng-  
land is in the Right and when in the Wrong,  
to resent the Injuries offer'd her by her  
Foes; to inform us how rich or how poor  
she is, how able or unable to resist her for-  
midable Enemies, whose Greatness they  
very civilly seek to raise upon their own  
Countrys Ruin. But as I know that none  
but the silliest or most profligate of Jaco-  
bites will be concern'd in such low Scandal  
and dirty Reflection as such Dust Carts  
must produce to those that rake in them,  
so I shall leave them for the Dungbill, and  
congratulate my Countrymen that we are  
out of the reach of the Malice of these  
People. We certainly have the best Church  
and the best Constitution that have yet  
appear'd in the World, and it is as cer-  
tain that they are the best defended that  
ever they yet were, which I know those  
will*



*will never allow, who mean nothing but absolute Tyranny and a Spanish Inquisition: Those who would give up our pruning Hooks for Battle Axes, our fruitful Fields for a barren Wilderness, our Improvements in Learning for the thick Darkness of Ignorance, our Island of Liberty for a Dungeon of Slavery, the bright Sun-shine of the Gospel, for the black Midnight of Pagan and Popish Superstition: In a Word, every Thing that is valuable and comfortable, for all that is vile and miserable.*

*And now methinks we are naturally directed from the miserable State the poor Bohemians are now subjected to; who were once as happy and as brave a People as our selves, to look up to Heaven the Dwelling-Place of the King of Kings, and to return him our heartiest Thanks for sending us so great a Deliverer. Our Condition was not much less desperate than the Bohemians within these few Years; we had little Security for the Continuance of our dear and precious Enjoyments; but on the Contrary, a gloomy Prospect of Woe and Misery invading us through a Popish Impostor, heavy Fraught with the Wrath and Revenge of 26 Years Disappointment. None can conceive the Horror that must have attended so fatal a Turn of Circumstances to these Nations.*

*Surely then we cannot be too fix'd in our Resolves as Protestants and as Britons for*

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*a hearty and constant Affection one towards another. We as sensibly as some other Nations have felt the terrible Consequences of Party-Division. Let us unanimously discountenance Persecution in any Shape or Dress, in any Principle or Profession whatever, and assiduously cultivate the Arts of Peace in this happy Island, that as we gave his Majesty the Concern of finding us a divided Nation, he may have the Glory and the Pleasure of being truly serene by making us a quiet and an harmonious People.*

*Blessed be God, we have a Prince on the Throne, who under him has protected and will protect us from all the wicked Designs and bloody Devices of cruel Men, a Prince who is descended of an illustrious Race of Protestant Princes, through many Branches of Royal Princes, through many Ages: In a Word, a Prince who has more than answer'd the Expectations of all his Loyal, Protestant Subjects, and shewn more than common Mercy to ungrateful and unnatural Rebels. Whatever happy Genius therefore shall hereafter attempt his just Character, I am persuaded he will view him in the Extensiveness of his Influence upon the Protestant Interest abroad, as well as in his Paternal Care of his Subjects at Home. Had I Room here I would insert his Majesty's Letter to the Swiss Cantons; but that I shall refer to the Reader's Perusal, and content my self with giving him*

*him the Sense of his Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury and my Lords the Bishops, when they return'd his Majesty their most humble Thanks for his gracious Interposition on Behalf of the poor Protestants in the Palatinate and elsewhere. The Substance of what his Grace spake is as follows:*

I am also directed by my Lords the Bishops, to return our most humble Acknowledgments to your Majesty for the Protection your Majesty hath been pleas'd to give to our Brethren the Protestants of the Palatinate, and of Poland and Lithuania, persecuted for the Faith of Christ. We are persuaded, that this Royal Charity will draw down innumerable Blessings from Heaven, upon the Person of your Sacred Majesty and your Affairs.

Our Saviour Christ hath promised, that he who gives a Cup of cold Water only to the least of his Disciples, for his Sake, shall not lose his Reward: How much more will the same Blessed Saviour plentifully reward your Majesty, who have extended your Care and Charity to so many Thousands of his suffering Disciples; and have thereby, in a singular Manner, appropriated to your self the Title which your Ancestors have derived to you with the Crown of this Realm, of being indeed the DEFENDER of the FAITH.

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*Origin and Causes*  
Of a long and Bloody  
CIVIL WAR  
BETWEEN  
CHRISTIANS.



WHEN a City is set on Fire, the frightned Citizens run in a Body together, partly to enquire into the *Beginning* and *Causes* of it, partly to extinguish it, and partly to take care of their own Effects: So, Christian Reader,

Lover of heavenly Truth and antient Liberty, the Citizens of the Christian Commonwealth, have often been discoursing each other upon the Reasons of the War begun in *Bohemia*, and continued in other Parts of *Germany*, (even down to our Time;) and many have been distracted into various (nay contrary) Opinions, by what has  
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been said and written upon the Subject. Which Distraction would excite any true Patriot (especially one more immediately concern'd in the Danger) to search into, and give a fair Account of the *Origin* and *Genuine Causes* of this *vast* and *dreadful Flame*, which in a little Time must consume the City of the Evangelical Church, unless God, in his infinite Mercy, put a Stop to it, and awaken all *Protestants* out of their *Lethargy*, to exert their united Powers for the extinguishing it, and for preserving all that is dear to them. For as the *Causes* of a Fire are often injuriously ascrib'd to one or another; so will it be in this Case, till they are trac'd out by a thorough Examination. For tho' in so general a Confusion, every Man is more intent upon putting out the Fire, than upon an idle and præposterous Disquisition into the *Origine* and *Causes* of it; yet since the Champions of Anti-Christ, and even the Favourites of Protestant Kings and Princes, Court Parasites, and the vile Mob, for Victuals and Drink, impose upon the Christian World *false* Causes for the *true*, and every where accuse the *Bohemians* of *Rebellion*; the Love of God and of our Country commands, that we first search into the *Origin* of this bloody War, from the very Experience and Evidence of the Thing, and then shew its pregnant and genuine Causes. Yet not to touch upon every *particular*, we shall record only the *general Heads*.

The monstrous  
Wickedness of  
Anti-Christ.

Pious *Christian*, you very well know, or ought to know at least, and never to be seduc'd from that Knowledge, that *Anti-Christ* was to come into the World, with a notorious Defection from that Simplicity which is in *Christ*, with a most insolent Arrogance in his Church, with Omnipotence,

potence, with Signs and lying Wonders, and with the strong might of Satan ; that the Mystery of Iniquity is already come into the World, and that the present Age may clearly discern, that this is the *Roman Pontiff*. For whatever the Scriptures or the Fathers have foretold of *Anti-Christ*, you may easily see in the Pope ; nor doth the whole World foster so horrid a Monster as this *Anti-Christ*, who prefers himself to every Man, who exalts himself above all that is called God, who is departed from the Simplicity of Christ, who has set up for Universal Bishop of the whole World, for Head of the Church, and King of Kings, who hath invented a new Worship of God, new Articles of Faith, a pompous Religion quite contrary to that of the Primitive Church, who hath fram'd Ceremonies and Canon-Law for the support of his Throne, most cruelly persecuted the faithful Worshippers of God with the whole Evangelical Body, assum'd to himself an absolute universal Power, and in fine, usurp'd the Name and Omnipotence of God, and the supreme *Vicarship of Christ*.

Thus deep dy'd with the Malice of that Dragon Satan, whatsoever he pretends, whatever Sheeps Cloathing, or Horns, the Wolf lurks under, he is with all his might and main endeavouring, either craftily to seduce, or forcibly to extirpate the true Church of God, which worshippeth God in Spirit and in Truth, according to the Rule of Holy Scripture ; not according to the Traditions of Men ; and on all Occasions is so very Intent upon infecting her with poy's'nous Errors, or involving her in fatal Wars, that if he can't subdue her to himself, he may however ruin her. To which end he has led the Van-guard of this long and bloody War.



And indeed through the dreadful Permission of God Almighty, how much has he succeeded in these Designs, to the Punishment of many for their Contempt of the saving Gospel ! For from the Years 606, and 607, when \* the Emperor *Phocas* rais'd Pope *Boniface* the 3d, to the Primacy over all the Churches by little and little, and from the Time of *Charles the Great*, Ann. 772, to *Charles the 4th*, 1347 ; and under *Wenceflaus* his Son, surnam'd the *Idle*, Ann. 1400, he has been so swiftly advanc'd to this prodigious Heighth of Dignity, that he has bewitched the whole World almost with his Sham Titles and false Pretensions, establish'd whatever pleas'd him for Articles of Faith, excommunicated and even † whipp'd Kings and plagu'd them with Wars. And for what Reason? That the Strength of the secular Powers being spent and broken by frequent Wars, and their Families destroy'd, he himself might the more easily subject their Kingdoms and Provinces to his Mock-

\* *Boniface* the 3d stimulated by a domineering Lust, and frantic Pride to break the Bars of Apostolic Discipline, plagu'd the Church with horrid Contentions, and by the Tyrant *Phocas* was declared *Universal* Bishop, though declar'd Anti-Christ by Pope *Gregory*, who abominating the Title of *Universal* Bishop, honestly said, that to consent to that wicked Name, was no less than to give up the Faith.

† *Henry* the 2d, King of *England* was so miserably plagu'd by *Thomas Becket*, Arch-Bishop of *Canterbury*, that on a certain Time sitting at his Table, he curs'd all those Servants he had ever rais'd to Honour, for their Remissness in revenging the Wrongs done him by the Arch-Bishop. Four of his Attendants, spurr'd by this Resentment, go and kill him. But this was punish'd in the King with the utmost Ignominy ; for he was whipt with Rods by a Monk in a Convent, and severely fin'd, before he could recover the Popes Favour. Yet *Mathew Paris* makes him complain thus ; *after submitting my self and my Kingdoms to the Romish Church, nothing has gone well ; but every thing against me ;* and thus he died of Grief.

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Spiritual Jurisdiction. Hence has he deriv'd his immense Riches, his great Power ! With these has he been so elated as to appear formidable to the whole World, to usurp the Imperial Chair of *Rome*, to force all Nations to worship him and kiss his Feet, to make and repeal Laws, and to obtrude his Plenipotency wherever it has pleas'd him.

But God, in this so thick a Darkness taking pity on the sad Face of the Church, put a Bridle in the Mouth of that Apocalyptic Beast. For when he most sacrilegiously resolv'd to take away the Cup of the Blood of Christ, that new Covenant of the Church, and had wholly taken it away in the East, the Almighty immediately sent forth Teachers and Defenders of his Church. Among other Witnesses of the Truth, a principal one was *John Wickliffe*, an *English* Divine, a Man exquisitely skill'd as well in all manner of *Philosophy* as in *Divinity* it self. He was of the University of *Oxford*, and began in the time of *Urban* the 5th, to refute the *Popish* Errors both in his Lectures and in his Writings. His Adversaries pick'd out of his Writings several Articles, some entire, others maliciously wrested, which the Council of *Constance* afterwards condemn'd ; among which the Articles concerning the Eucharist, are also recited. And this Doctrine of *Wickliffe's*, tho' deriv'd from *Austin*, from Orthodox Antiquity, and from Scripture it self, the *Popes* oppugn'd by their *English Bishops* at several meetings, condemn'd *Wickliffe* himself of *Heresy*, and persecuted him so violently, that he was forc'd to abscond. Nevertheless through the goodness of God, he was preserv'd and restor'd to his Church, by his Credit with well-dispos'd Noblemen, especially *John Duke of Lancaster*,

Witnesses  
of the  
Truth in  
*England*.  
*Wickliffe*  
refutes the  
Popes Er-  
rors, *Ann.*  
1367 or  
1371.

He died  
1386.

*Lancaster*, and at length ended his Days peaceably in the constant Profession of the 'Truth. Though dead, they often pelted him with their Anathema's, and at length by Pope *Martin's* Command, they dug up his Bones and burnt them, together with his Books ; but his Doctrine they could not suppress.

His Books  
were burnt  
1428.

The Truth thus condemn'd in *Wickliffe*, not long after was again publicly defended and propagated by *John Hufs* and *Jerom* of *Prague*, two constant Teachers and Witnesses of the Truth, which both of them sealed with their Blood. Thus while they were opposing themselves to the *Pope's* Decrees, preaching the pure Word of God, and teaching the Administration of the Lord's-Supper, in both kinds, the Pope cites them to *Constance*, under the safe Conduct of the Emperor. But as they were

In *Bohemia*  
*John Hufs*  
and *Jerom*  
of *Prague*.

They were  
burnt alive  
at *Constance*  
contrary to  
Faith given  
1415 and  
1416.

steadily defending the *true Doctrine* at *Constance*, they were both by an unexampled and unheard of Perfidy condemn'd and burnt to Death. Yet the Doctrine of Truth was far from being burnt out ; so far from it, that it gave many in *Bohemia* and *Moravia*, whom that Anti-Christ was daily persecuting, fresh Courage and Strength to embrace it. Amongst whom Providence rais'd up that *Defender* and *Champion* of the Truth, *John Zisca*, a Noble *Bohemian*, with whom the Angels fighting (as the beloved of God) and the *Bohemians*, they miraculously defeated and ruin'd all the formidable Armies that the *Pope* could raise out of *Germany* (which was then a Lackey to the *Whore* of *Babylon*) and other Nations, and so impair'd the Strength of the *Beast*, that by their Arms they gain'd the free Exercise of their Religion, and the use of the Cup for the Churches of *Bohemia* and *Moravia*.

*John Zisca*,  
Defender  
of the  
Truth, General  
of the  
*Bohemian*  
Army,  
fought eleven Battles, and won them all.

There



There the *Pope* with his Almightyness and baffled Attempts confounded by that *Hussite War*, detected and despis'd more and more by many Witnesses for the Truth rais'd up in *England*, *Scotland*, *France* and *Germany*, was so wounded and fell'd by the Voice of the Gospel, as by *the Sword of the Spirit*, together with all his Traditions, that, unable to support the Weight of his Pretensions, he was forc'd to suspend the *Thunder* of his *Excommunications*, to leave safe and sound to the *Bohemians* the Cup of Christ, with the purity of Doctrine and Discipline seal'd by the *Martyrdom* of *Huss* and *Jerom*, to give up for a time in *Germany*, *France*, *Switzerland*, *England* and many other Places his gainful Trade of *Indulgencies*, \* to hear the sound of the Gospel sore against his Will, and to see his shameful Errors

\* *Pope Leo* the 3<sup>d</sup>, to gratify his Sister's Avarice, and to make some speedy amends to Thirty One Cardinals, who had purchas'd the Hat at 500000 Crowns each, left no Method untry'd for the raking up of Money. None was more gainful than the new Market of *Indulgencies*, by which the Superstitious had their Sins pardon'd for Money. This therefore he proclaims, *Ann.* 1516. throughout all *Christendom*; and because he would not straiten himself for Time, would have it continued for Eight Years. Cryers and Brokers are sent from *Rome* all *Europe* over: Cardinal *Campejus* into *England*, *Angelus Arcomboldus* into *Denmark* and *Sweden*, *Samson* of *Milan* into *Switzerland*, *Johannes Tecelius* into *Germany*, who openly persuaded the *Vulgar*, for the more easy milking them of their Money:

1. That those who bought these Letters of *Indulgency*, were secur'd in their Salvation, &c.
2. That the Soul immediately upon Payment of the Money would fly out of Purgatory into Heaven.
3. That these *Indulgences* had that Virtue, that no Sin was so heinous (nay if it were possible to violate the Mother of God) but it would be forgiven.
4. That Men by such *Indulgencies* were absolved of all Manner of Punishment or Sin whatever.

These Wares *Martin Luther* oppos'd at *Wittenburg*, *Octr.* 31. following by Ninety Propositions.

expos'd.

expos'd. Mean time he was continually fretting and suppressing his Choler, till he could find out some way or other of revenging and exalting himself to his pristine Dignity.

But in process of Time, as once the *Arians* infected both East and West with their Poyson, so he usurp'd the Name of the *Catholic Church*, which he limited to his Followers only, and abated nothing of the Titles he had before impudently arrogated, but once more forc'd himself upon the whole World. He accus'd the true Preachers of the Gospel and all the Followers of Christ (who were far inferior in Number to his Locusts) of *Heresy*; He conven'd Councils, consisting of his sworn Drudges the Cardinals, Patriarchs, Arch-Bishops, Bishops and the whole Posse of secular and regular Divines. The *Protestants* he refus'd both Seat and Voice, pronounc'd them guilty unheard, and made himself, and those with him, Accuser, Judge and Witness. The Council of *Constance* he grac'd with the Title of the general Council of *Trent*: There he condemn'd the Reform'd of *Heresy*, and so impos'd what was transacted in it upon the *Christian* World, as if they had been condemn'd by God himself, the Ancient *Oecumenical Councils* of the Church, those of *Nice* and *Constantinople* and all other *Christian* Councils. And to give the greater Sanction to so foul a Procedure, he call'd to his *Defence* the *Secular Arm*, and so laid up Fuel for fresh Flames.

But though he trusted all his Tricks and Cheats, to *Councils*, *Titles* and *Acts* (the Authority of which was openly controverted) a *Council* more resembling *Pharisees* and *Arians* than *Christ* and his *Apostles*, and the *Assemblies* of the *Primitive Church*; not like *Christ* with the *Church*,  
but

but *Anti-Christ* with a Synagogue of *Malignants*, and the greater Part of *Christians* with their Cæsars, Kings, Princes and People, not duely discerning the Head and Tail (if I may so say) of this Fox-wolf, voluntarily adher'd to him, acknowledg'd, venerated and homag'd him, not as he really was, but only as he seem'd to be : Yet as many of the Evangelic Princes in *Germany* as were hearty, as also some Cities of *Sueden*, *England*, *Bohemia* and other Provinces, \* *Protested* on their Part : That they were not *Heretics*, but true *Christians* ; That it was highly injurious to condemn them unheard ; That the Pope was a wicked, partial Judge ; That he had unjustly made himself *Accuser* and *Judge*, and that he had made up the Assembly and Suffrages of his own Creatures. Further, that he himself was an *Heretic*, an *Idolater*, an *Apostate* and a *Tyrant*, the great *Anti-Christ*, who spake not the *Truth* but *Lies*, not the *Word* of *God*, but the *Traditions* of *Men* ; who sought not the saving Peace of *Christians*, but Ruin, War and carnal Interest : Moreover, that they would not adhere to him, his *Councils*, nor the Multitude of his Followers ; but to *Christ* and his Holy Gospel, with his little Flock ; nay, that they would suffer Persecution with it, and if need were, oppose their *Arm* to the secular *Arm*. Thus the *Christians* to the Scandal of the *Roman* Prelate, divide into the Parties of *Papists* and *Evangelics* or *Protestants*, and whereas those Kings

\* The Protestation of the *Evangelics* was exhibited to *Charles* the 5th, at *Placentia* the 12th of September 1519, and gave the *Evangelics* the Name of *Protestants*. For as *Thuanus* has it, *Lib. 1.* this Name was given to all after that, who went into any new Schemes of Religion, or profess'd to amend it, and for that Reason separated from the Church of *Rome*.



commit Abominations with the *Whore* of *Babylon*; so *Wisdom* is justify'd of *these her Sons*. Thus things are ripening on both Sides into a desperate War.

Now to deprive the poor *Christians* of all hopes of a Reconciliation, and to expose them to the Miseries of a cruel War; the Devil, that Murderer, that red Dragon, that endless Lyar, spawn'd from his own Mouth a new Sect ready furnish'd with Lies, Frauds and Murders, † *Jesuites* or rather *Suites*, i. e. selfish, whom *Anti-Christ* very greedily accepted for the support of his Throne, now in a tottering Condition. And as formerly the *Dominicans*, *Preachers* and other *Monks* under the *Cæsars*, the *Frederics*, the *Henrys* and other Princes brought Wars upon the *Christians*, for the support of the rotten Chair of *Anti-Christ*; so now the *Jesuites* inflame their Divisions, thrust their Nails deep into the Ulcer. These by their Writings and Disputations not only defend the perverse Conduct of the Court of *Rome* very pungently, variously and craftily palliate it, extol the *Pope* with his Traditions above every thing, vilify the *Protestants*, charge them with *Heresy*, and depress them with the whole *Gospel* it self; but circumvent even Kings

† *Ignatius Loyoala*, a *Spaniard*, a Man prophane, fierce, cruel, rigid, bloody, as the *Papists* themselves own, was the Founder of the *Jesuitical Sect*, which *Paul* the 3<sup>d</sup>, approv'd of 1540. From whose Heretical and Sacrilegious Doctrine, such Pestiferous Fruits have been produc'd, as have effectually and really prevail'd against the Kings of *France*, *Bri-  
tain*, the Princes of *Orange* and others. So that no wonder, Kings and especially the *Northern* Princes and People, hold in detestation, so tricking, fraudulent and profligate a Kind of Men, in whom as in the last hatching of the Devil, *Anti-Christ* itself must fail.

and

and the Princes of the Earth, insinuate *themselves* and the Cause of their *High Priest* into their Esteem, and like Frogs are wearying their *Courts* by their importunate Croakings and turbulent Counsels, till they have provok'd them to a general War, to persecute and lay waſt the Church of Christ on pretense of its being *Heretical*, and to kill the faithful with a view of doing God Service. All these things the Scriptures have foretold of *Anti-Christ* and particularly of the *Jesuites* in *Revelations*, xvi. ver. 13 and 14. *And I saw three unclean Spirits like Frogs, come out of the Mouth of the Dragon, and out of the Mouth of the Beast, and out of the Mouth of the false Prophet. For they are the Spirits of Devils working Miracles, which go forth unto the Kings of the Earth, and of the whole World, to gather them to the Battle of that great Day of God Almighty.* And indeed Experience itself plainly shews that they are now fulfilled; as it has been elegantly describ'd in the List of the Sufferers for the Truth, in *Morney's Mystery of Iniquity*, and very lively depicted in *Powel's Book of Anti-Christ*.

*Seducitor Sueco ; Gallo Sicarius Anglo  
Proditor ; Imperio explorator, Davus Ibero ;  
Belgarum prado ; fur mendacissimus Indis ;  
Italo Adulator ; dixi tenes ore Suitam.*

But because the *Bohemians* after the burning of *Huss* and *Jerom*, first fought against *Anti-Christ*, and to his Confusion gave him a grievous Wound, and their Power had been not a little formidable ; the *Pope* convenes a particular Council at *Rome*, who were to treat of No-

thing, to determine nothing but the Extirpation of the *Evangelics*. † And first the *Bohemians* were to be deprived of their Liberty and their Strength together, and then he could take his Revenge on them. For he knew that if he could either subdue or root out the *Bohemians*, either by breaking their Power, or adding it to his own, for the annoying the rest of the *Protestants*, who were gradually to be extirpated, that his way would be the easier pav'd for him. Thus as by various devilish Arts and sly Pretexs he is endeavouring to prevail upon the other Kingdoms of the World to receive his Yoke, and as his sworn Vassals to study the Gratification of his insatiable Lust; so his Scheme before all other things whatever, is to get the *Bohemians* under, upon which he is plaguing himself Night and Day.

The *Bohemians* acknowledge no Superiority in the Pope, nor chuse their King without Conditions

But since the *Elective* Kingdom of *Bohemia* enjoy'd such excellent *Privileges* and *Immunities*, that they would neither acknowledge the *Pope's* Supremacy, nor chuse any King absolutely without *Conditions*, by which the King could do nothing in the Business of Religion without the Consent of the *States*, especially without the plain Word of God; the Pope apprehending that upon their discovering any Inclination of their King to serve his Interest, the exasperated *States* would neglect or entirely exclude the *Papists*, and chuse them a King out of the *Protestant* Princes,

† Says *Windeck* in his Preface to the Pope: Let the *Hereticks* know, that we don't want Means for extirpating their Sects; and Cardinal *Reginald Pool*, in his Speech to the Emperor *Charles* the 5th, for the Extirpation of *Heresy* by a War, says, These Differences once compos'd, you may the more easily begin and perfect the rest: There is less Danger from the *Turk*.

and



and so cut him out of all hope of enjoying the Kingdom and his Revenge together, he resolv'd to dissemble the Matter for some time, and by Degrees, when the *Bohemian* Nobility were thinking Nothing of the Matter, to change it from an *Elective* into an *Hereditary* Kingdom. For the Execution of which Project he so corrupted the Chancellor of the Kingdom by Bribes and Artifices, that with other *Jesuitical* Conspirators he alter'd the *Records* of the Kingdom, the *Statutes* and *Detrees* of its antient Kings, and accommodated them to the Lust of his *Austrian* Slaves. Now the *Papists*, who were conscious of this Wickedness, were not afraid to give a helping Hand, and under Pretense of a Fire in the Tower of *Prague* to steal away and suppress the more *Antient* and *Original* Privileges. Having thus prepar'd their Instruments, they would no longer call it an *Elective*, but an *Hereditary* Kingdom, and to write it so in the Chancery; changing the Style; and then they propos'd that they would not *Elect* a King out of the *Austrian* Family as before, but accept of him *hereditarily*. Whosoever constantly defended the Liberty of his Country, him they accus'd of *Sedition* and *Rebellion*. He that pretended to oppose the tumultuous Insolence of the *Jesuites* and the *Barons* they had corrupted and advanc'd to the Posts of the Kingdom for betraying their Country, him they would terrify with the forg'd Tables of the Kingdom, as an inviolable Right, or with the Power of the *Austrian*, and the Multitude and Prerogatives of the Conspirators. In short, almost all the *Austrian* Princes, not minding the Opposition of the Nobles, call'd themselves *Hereditary* Kings, not only of *Bohemia*, but *Hungary* too:

Though

The Statutes of the Kingdom alter'd, to make the King Hereditary.

Though the Practise of both Kingdoms, the *Elections* of their Kings, their Accepting of *Conditions*, their *Oaths* and *Reversals*, evinc'd the contrary.

The Design of the *Austrians* for establishing an *Hereditary* Right in *Bohemia*, in order to ruin the *Protestant* Religion.

Notwithstanding this, the *Austrians* persist in their Purpose, till at last a *Popish*, *Hereditary* King might do what he pleas'd in *Bohemia*, without the Consent of the Chief of the Kingdom, establish the *Popish* Religion, and take away the *Protestant*, and none dare resist them or defend the oppress'd. Undoubtedly after the Example of the *Saxons*, and other Kings and Princes, who Tolerate and Reform in their own *Hereditary* Kingdoms and Provinces, what Religion they please, without the Interposition of Foreigners. Whence under the Name of a Reformation, all the *Evangelics* who are the Body of the Kingdom (for there were but few *Papists* in it) are greivously afflicted, cheatingly subjugated, stript, beaten, banish'd, murder'd and render'd a Spectacle to Men and Angels. Because *Ferdinand* the *Iron* Emperor would have it so, *Ferdinand*, *hereditary* King of *Bohemia*. But the pretense of consulting the good of the Community can be no good Reason in this Case for the secular Magistrate's interposing with his Authority for the imposing a new Religion upon them. For if he would reform Religion, his Rule ought to be the Will of *God*, not his own, the *Institution* of our Lord *Jesus Christ*, not the *Ordinances* and *Traditions* of Mens Brains. Which rule *Ferdinand* the 2d and 3d, in their *Reformation* (or rather *Deformation*) have impiously and tyrannically transgress'd. The Predecessors of the *Saxon* and other *Evangelic* Kings and Princes have set about a Reformation indeed ; yet they have not treated their Subjects inhu-

inhumanly and cruelly upon it : But by the preaching of the Gospel, by *teaching*, not by *torturing*, by *Persuasion*, not by *Stripes* ; with their Wills; not *against* their Wills they led them out from the dark Corners of *Idolatry* into the Light of the *Truth* : As *Hezekiah*, *Josiah* and other *nursing Fathers* of God's Church did of old.

Moreover as the Kingdom of *Bohemia* is first Member of the Empire, and the King of *Bohemia* upon the Account of his *Precedency* and his having two Votes in the College of *Electors*, had been frequently (till within 200 Years since) advanced to the *Imperial Dignity* ; the Pope with his Cardinals ordain'd (contrary to the *Golden Bull* of *Charles* the 4th) that for the Future they should chuse none for *Emperor*, out of the Kings of *Bohemia*, but such as were of the *Spanish-Austrian-Line*, by the Succession of which they might establish an *Hereditary Right* in that Family to the Empire. Such an Emperor e're long, as in *Bohemia*, so in the *Empire* may decree what he pleases against the Liberties of the *German* Princes, Dukes, Counts, Barons, the *Hanse-Towns*, and the whole *Protestant Body*. \* And

The Kingdom of  
Bohemia,  
the first  
Member  
of the Em-  
pire.

\* The Designs of the *Papists* in this War, is the Execution of the Council of *Trent*. *Paul Windbeck* in *lib. de Hæres* : extirp: Page 324, writes thus. The Emperor was forc'd by meer Necessity, to this Reconciliation with the *Protestants* : For the *Turk* making an Irruption into *Austria*, he was oblig'd to draw his Forces together from all Parts. Again, it appears from what has been said, that the Emp. gave Peace to the *Protestants* only to the Time of the Council, in which this Breach might be heal'd. *Idem. pag. 326.* He granted the *Protestants* a Respite, a Delay, a Toleration until the Decree of the Council of *Trent*, which was publish'd 1564. Whence one cannot but admire the Stupidity of the *Sectarians*, who in Defence of their Religion, are so often foolishly thundring and barking against us the Decrees of the Council.

indeed



indeed in our Age; *Ferdinand* since the Defeat at *Prague* has given us an ample *Specimen* of 'Tyrannical Lust. *Ferdinand* the 2<sup>d</sup> who has smote with the *Ban* of the *Empire* *Frederic* King of *Bohemia*, several *Protestant* Princes, Counts, Barons and Nobles, depriv'd them of their Titles and Estates, put the Popes Vassals into Possession of the Seats of their ancient Inheritors, and involv'd all *Europe* in its intestine Wars and Commotions. And why? That the *Papists* by their Superiority in Number and Strength might put in Execution their *Trent* Resolutions, that is, entirely to abolish the true *Protestant* Religion, and at their Will, fix and establish the *Romish* Idolatry to their great Gain and worldly Advantage. And the more to strengthen and secure themselves, they are projecting a new Monarchy (to which *Charles* the 5<sup>th</sup> first aspir'd) that they might strike Terror into all the Nations, impose upon them an intolerable Yoke and introduce the *Inquisition*. Witness *France* and *Spain*, and at this Day the incorporated Provinces of *Bohemia* where they exercise their Tyranny to the full.

These Designs, some experienc'd Persons in the Empire and elsewhere, have long since observ'd from the Writings and Behaviour of the *Jesuites*, and by several Books have brotherly admonish'd, excited and besought them, that they would awaken and think of these things, stand by one another and repel the open Danger by Force. But I know not how, very many are so secure that they despise these Things, as if God had either decreed or left them to Blindness and their own Destruction. Mean while the Devil never sleeps: The Slaves of *Anti-Christ* are indefatigably encompassing Sea and Land to have their Wills. The Divine Justice punishing us for our  
many

many Sins, especially our strange Security and Contempt of the Holy Gospel, his giving our Enemies and those who have deserted us, Space and Place for Repentance, permits many things, and continues the Cross of Christ and Persecutions. It would become *Christians* to be more vigilant and circumspect; lest the *Phrygian* be mended by Stripes, and many, when all is lost, grow wise, ah too late are made wise!

Of these Things a Word to the Wise is sufficient. Howsoever, it is requisite, that we make some Enquiry into those Intrigues, that forc'd *Bohemia* to arm. Mean while the Kingdom of *Bohemia*, by the Gift of God, always had worthy Men in the State, as well as watchful *Pastors* in the Church: These, foreseeing the ravenous Designs of the Wolf, forewarn'd the Flock of Christ of them all, while the *temporal Heroes*, with Prudence and Courage, opposed themselves to the Machinations of the Malignants, and defended the Liberty of the Church and Kingdom, against their pestilent Attempts. All of them by their Integrity, Counsel and Arms, obtain'd from the Council of *Basil*, the free Exercise of their Religion, and the use of the Cup in the Lord's-Supper, against the Will of all the *Papish* Clergy; and lastly, by consent of their own Kings, they constituted a *College of Defenders* or *Senate*, consisting of Twenty Four of the choicest Nobles of the Kingdom, who in the Name of the *Evangelical* States in *Bohemia*, opposed the Pope and defended the true Religion. These *Defenders*, with other Noblemen and Ministers of the Church (there being a very great Necessity for it) form'd a Public Confession of Faith from the Word of God, in which (the *Papists* all the

The Intrigues of Anti-Christ engage *Bohemia* in a War.

The *Bohemians* obtain Freedom of Religion from the Council of *Basil*.

They constitute *Defenders*.

They form a Confession of Faith.

while calumniating and reproaching them) they plainly demonstrated, that they were not *Heretics*, but the true Members of the true *Catholic Church*: So that all the *Bohemians* as well as the *Moravians* (except a few Persons) acknowledged the Truth, and professed the *Evangelical Religion*. And in the *State* they chose their Kings out of the House of *Austria* indeed, but not without their free Voices, in Virtue of their ancient *Privileges*. Yet all and each of these, oblig'd themselves by *Oath*, *Reversals* and *Compacts*, to defend and preserve their *Privileges* and the *Peace of Religion*. When the contrary was attempted by Traytors, and some of the *Evangelics* were proscrib'd in the King's Name, and other Injuries began to be done them (which the restless Malice of the *Papists* often brought about) the *Defenders* with other Prime Men of State would remind the King of his Obligations, and were ready to defend their Right. For in the Year 1575, they received a Promise from the *Emperor Maximilian the 2d*, of a solemn *Diploma* or *Charter*, for the confirming and perpetuating the peace of Religion, the Performance of which, through the worthy Intercessions of Kings and Electors, they afterwards obtained from his Son *Rodolph the 2d*, Emperor and King, in the Years 1609, 1610, under the Title of the *Majestatic Diploma*. Thus the Peace of Religion, as well in *Bohemia* as in *Germany*, was as safe and as firm as it could be wished.

They offer it to *Maximilian*, and have it confirmed by the *Emperor Rodolph the 2d*.

*Cesar's Diploma*, very hateful to the *Jesuites*.

In the mean Time, the *JESUITES*, those main Props of *Anti-Christ*, who at that Time were encreased in Number, Riches and Followers in *Bohemia*, and quietly enjoy'd their own good Things and the most exquisite Delights, were



were become too fat and fierce to let the *Christians* be easy, their Envy being turned into Rage by this *Cæsarean Diploma*. For they foresaw that the hope of their secret Counsels would be defeated and frustrated. Wherefore they so wrought upon a Race of Vipers, namely certain *Bohemian Barons*, ready painted and oiled with the Discipline of *Loyola*, together with the rest of the *Popish Faction*; that the CÆSAREAN DIPLOMA (by which they themselves were secure) was call'd into Question, and in many Instances violated, on Pretence of its being rashly and unlawfully confirmed. Bewitcht chiefly by this Amulet, they bawled out, that it was not granted by the Pope of *Rome*, who alone has the Power of Religion; but by *Cæsar* a temporal Prince, who had no Authority to confirm in any sacred Affair, that they would disannul it, that they would suppress the Exercise of the *Evangelical Religion*, destroy the Liberty of the Kingdom, and confound their Peace with War: And left in many Places both openly and secretly the Footsteps of these Menaces. And thus they open'd the Door to one another for the Execution of their Counsels, that is some great War, even this present dreadful War. Especially whenever they should get a Man of their own Kidney for *King* and *Emperor*. For this bloody, long War, begun Anno 1618. in *Bohemia*, now fraudulently enthralled and depopulated, not only shook the whole Empire, wickedly tossed the *British Isles* into civil Commotions, but also through the insatiable Ambition, domineering Lust, Tyranny and Rapines of the *Austrio-Spaniards*, has turned almost all *Europe* Upside-down. For which, secret Preparations had been making for

The *Bohemians* fraudulently enslaved;

They  
make se-  
cret Pre-  
parations.

Mathias  
succeeds  
Rodolph,  
whom the  
Jesuites  
and evil  
Counsel-  
lors vari-  
ously cir-  
cumvent.

The Em-  
peror un-  
mindful of  
his Oath.

several Years in all the \* Monasteries, Col-  
leges of *Jesuites*, and other *Popish* Places.

Now, upon the Decease of *Rudolph* the 2<sup>d</sup>,  
at *Prague*, on the 10<sup>th</sup> of *January* 1612, his  
Brother *Mathias*, King of *Bohemia* and *Hunga-  
ry*, was advanced to the *Imperial* Throne. This  
Emperor (before-hand intrapped by their Coun-  
sels) these Fiends and incarnate Devils got in-  
to their Circle, who was so wrapped up in  
his two Arch-Bishops, the one *Johannes Zo-  
belius* of *Prague*, the other of *Vienna* (a Ba-  
ker's Son of the said City) and other *Jesuites*,  
that he hated the ancient Evangelical Counsel-  
lors of the King's Majesty, who had deserved  
well of the Kingdom, dangerously forgot his  
*Oath*, and held in contempt the free Exercise  
of the Evangelical Religion, and the Peace of  
the Kingdom.

Moreover, designing to suppress the *College* of  
*Defenders*, he tried to tear the *States* from one  
another, (especially the Civil, whose principal  
Strength was in *Prague* and other free Cities)  
to sollicite or force them by Threats to take a  
new *Oath*, to sign new *Reversals* under the Pub-  
lic Seal, to abjure the *Defenders*, and for the  
future to salute and imagine none in the King-  
dom Defender of the Religion, but himself. Yet  
he who had before by a *Solemn Oath*, by *Rever-  
sals*, by *Royal* and *Cæsarean* Authority confirm-  
ed the *College* of *Defenders*, as well as other Pri-  
vileges of the Kingdom, especially the RUDOL-  
PHINE DIPLOMA, by which they were  
strengthened, in the mean time did nothing in

The Ru-  
dolphine  
Diploma.

\* They reckon 225044 Monasteries, and 5000 Colleges of  
*Jesuites* in *Christendom*, Alsted: in *Theſaur. Chronolog.*

Defense of the *Evangelics* : Nay, he acted every thing contrary. He endeavoured to dissolve the *Protestant Union* in the Empire, solicited them to a Desertion, made *sham Plots* against himself, and formed secret Leagues with the *Saxon, Bavarian* and *Leaguers* : He adopted that notorious *Austrian* in *Stiria*, *Ferdinand* his Kinsman, for his Son, that he might obtrude him upon the *Bohemians* for his Hereditary Successor to the Throne ; who afterwards, to please the *Jesuites*, committed the same cruelty against the *Bohemian Evangelics* that he had done against the *Stirians*, none defending them. For he (to note this by the way) keeping close to the Counsels of the *Pope* and *Jesuites* at *Rome*, presently after the Death of his Father *Charles*, took an Oath, that he would reduce all his Subjects by Force and Arms to the Obedience of the See of *Rome*, and would advance the *Pope* and *Jesuites* above every thing. They on their Part repromis'd to adorn his Head with the Crowns of *Bohemia, Hungary* and of the *Empire*. Mindful of his Oath, no sooner was he gone from *Rome* into *Stiria*, but he persecuted the remains of the *Protestants*, whom his Father tolerated ; some he threw into Prisons, others he banished, dug up and burnt the Corps of the dead, and left nothing undone to give them an excellent Sample of his future Tyranny.

*Ferdinand* persecutes the *Protestants* in *Styria*, A. D. 1598, 1599, 1600. as he had before sworn to the *Jesuites*.

Under this *Emperor Mathias*, both the Arch-Bishops, the *Jesuites* and the rest of the *Papists*, knowing his Heart's Desire, and encouraged in *Bohemia* and the *Incorporated Provinces*, raised their Crests to an insolent Height. For presently after he received the Crown, they began by their *Vicars* to trouble the *Evangelics*

The Arch-Bishop of *Prague*, the *Jesuites* and the Betrayers of their Country grow more insolent under that same *Mathias*.



by wicked Methods, to turn them out of their Places, and to put their own Creatures into their room, to ruin their Causes in the Courts, to squeeze them by unheard of Exactions ; shut up their Churches, took them away from them, and levelled them with the Ground ; deprived Towns and Villages of their Ministry, ejected the *Protestant* Pastors, and put little Mass-Priests into their room. Moreover, they privately and in public, from the Pulpits breathed out and spread their Menaces, that in less than a Year, the *Heretics* must turn out, or return to *Popery*. Thus no End or Measure of those things appearing, the afflicted *Evangelics* implore the Mediation of the *Defenders*. The *Defenders* seeing and considering these things, and stimulated by a Sense of their Office, the Importunity of the States, and the Instances of the People, lay before the Emperor *Mathias*, the principal Grievances by a Petition ; wherein they most humbly and earnestly beseech him, that he would redress them, pursuant to the *Diploma* and the antient PRIVILEGES of the Kingdom confirmed by his Predecessors, *Emperors* and *Kings*, particularly by himself, and that he would keep the Peace. But they are telling their Story to a deaf Man. All these things the Emperor *Mathias* despises, dreaming that he has nothing to do with the Defense of the *Evangelics*. Mean time, *Anno* 1617, he solemnly calls a Meeting of the *Comitia*, and charges them by the severest Threats, that they should not make the least mention of *religious Grievances* in the *Assembly*, nor deliberate upon any thing else, but the Successor to the Kingdom, where he was so far from leaving their Votes free to them, as usual, that he himself declares

The Defenders Petition him in vain.

He summons the Comitia of the Kingdom for the accepting, not choosing *Ferdinand*.

declares *Ferdinand* his adopted Son, and commands them to *accept* him for their *Hereditary* King, not to *chuse* him, as he *himself* was *chosen*. The Papiſts too fooliſhly triumphant upon this giving up of their Country to ruin, greedily embrace the Evil, though it concerned themſelves as well as others, being ſo elated as to threaten any of the Evangelies, who ſhould not acquieſce with their Meaſures; but on the contrary, make Interſt for any other Perſon, with Imprifonment and Decollation.

The *Defenders*, with the other *Nobles* of the Kingdom, provok'd by the Insolence of their Adverſaries, unwillingly, yet frequently repair to the Aſſembly; where nothing being propounded to them by the uſual Time, incens'd and tired out by Delays, they drop off. This was very advantageous to the Papiſts; for if the Hereticks kept away, they were ſure to out vote them. Yet the reſt ſtaying at *Prague* beyond the cuſtomary Time; at length, as uſual, they receive, hear, read, and debate the Emperor's Propoſition, and vote between the Prieſts in due order, the Papiſts laughing and hallowing, the Jeſuits grinning; they inſiſt upon, and vindicate their *Antient Privileges*, their former *Customs*, and the *Majeſtatic Diploma*. They openly proteſt againſt the Raſhneſs, Injuries, and Menaces of the *Romaniſts*, and at length agree to *elect Ferdinand* upon certain *Conditions*; namely, that he would acknowledge himſelf *freely elected*, and cultivate the Memory of it; that he would inviolably maintain all the *Privileges* of the Kingdom, eſpecially that *Diploma*, of the Emperor *Rodolph's*, by which, Liberty and the Peace of Religion, is confirmed in its full Force to the *Bokemians*; that he would take eſpecial Notice of

The De-  
fenders and  
States  
meet at it.

They de-  
fend their  
Privileges,  
proteſt a-  
gainſt the  
Injuries of  
the Papiſts.

They con-  
deſcend to  
chuse *Fer-  
dinand* con-  
ditionally.

of the Violators of it, and not presume to govern the Kingdom, before the Death of the *Emperor Mathias*. Lastly, that he should bind and oblige himself sacredly to observe all these things as his *Predecessors* and *Mathias* himself had done by an *Oath*, and by *solemn Reversals*. But that on the other Hand, if he should attempt or commit any thing against these Conditions, he should forfeit his Crown, and the *Bohemians* should be discharged of all Duty or Allegiance to him.

*Ferdinand*  
accepts a  
Condition-  
al Election.

This *Election*, with these Conditions, *Ferdinand* courteously received and embraced, with a repromise of his Favour. If the Kingdom was not *Elective* but *Hereditary* as was pretended, (which many that hated the *Bohemians* would not urge) and if *Mathias* and *Ferdinand* had no mind to perform the *Conditions*; they ought either to have left it to a legal Examination, or to have declined accepting the *Condition* offered, instead of approving and confirming such things by *Oath* and *Reversals*. You would have thought that now the hopes of Peace were once more firmly established. But alas! that last reasoning of Tyrants obtained here;

*Sic volo, sic jubeo, stat pro ratione voluntas.*

To such God replies,

*Sic volo, sic jubeo, stat pro ratione Gehenna.*

For the Diabolical Malice of the *Jesuites*, could by no means let things rest here; but the *Acceptation* being *ratified*, the Coronation over, the Assembly broke up, they instigate  
the



the *Emperor Mathias*, immediately to displace all those who in Voting had made mention of the *Majestatic Diploma*, and supply their Places with the Betrayers of their Country, who thence forward could more effectually plague and oppress the *Evangelics*.

These violent Measures once executed, Matter enough would be found out for a War, between the Trips of the *Papists* and the grievances of the *Protestants*. The *Emperor Mathias* going for *Vienna*, with King *Ferdinand*, constitutes the Barons *SLAWATA* and *SMECZANSKY* his Lieutenants or Vice-Roys, and *PHILIP* Secretary of the Kingdoms, all Chicks of the *Jesuites*, and with them commits the whole Affair of Religion to the Arch-Bishop of *Prague*, (the greatest Enemy the *Protestants* had) as a Flock of Sheep to Wolves.

*Mathias*, as he was going from *Prague*, answered *Henry* Count of *Tours*, interceding for the relief of the grievances of the *Protestants*, that he had nothing more to do with Religion (was there ever such a hopeful Defender!) but had committed it wholly to the Arch-Bishop, of *Prague*, from whom he could pretend all the troubles to follow were deriv'd in his absence, without his Privy or Fault. *Ferdinand* likewise having slighted the *Conditions* of his *Election*, and broke his *Oath*, encourag'd the Persecutors; and even while *Mathias* liv'd privately made a new Set of Counsellors by his own Authority, consisting of *Bohemian Apostates* and *Jesuites*, and of scandalous Foreigners; who presently elated, and made very fierce, with the Arch-Bishop and Lieutenants, so afflicted the *Evangelics* on all Sides, that the *Defenders*, A. D. 1618. by Virtue of their Office and antient Privileges, especially

The Emperor *Mathias* going from *Prague*, constitutes Lieutenants.

Answers the Count of *Tours*, that he had nothing to do with the *Evangelic Religion*. *Ferdinand* makes himself new Counsellors. The *Defenders* meet at *Prague*, and send humble Petitions to the Emperor and to the Lieutenants.

They are  
surpri-  
zingly  
con-  
demn'd by  
*Cæsar* un-  
heard.

cially the *Majestatic Diploma*, confirm'd by the Emperor himself, met at *Prague* to take under their deliberation the afflicted State of the Church. Yet at first they did nothing but write some humble Petitions to the *Emperor* and his *Lieutenants* in the Kingdom, earnestly entreating that they would check and restrain so many Acts of Hostility committed by a few Papists against the whole Kingdom; that Matters might not be forc'd to an Extremity by violent exasperating Tempers, but that the Peace of Religion might every where flourish. Notwithstanding this moderate procedure, they were not only unheard, but most unaccountably even condemn'd by the *Imperial* Answers; as if they had assembled there against *Cæsar*, and his *Hereditary* King (when by the *Diploma*, granted and confirm'd to them by *Mathias* himself, they had a right to convene without the Kings knowledge, as oft as the necessity of Affairs requir'd it) or as if they were stirring up the Subject against the lawful Magistrate, or seducing them from their due Obedience, and so were SEDITIOUS and TRAYTEROUS: Nay, that by the Statutes of the Kingdom, they were guilty of Lese-Majesty and therefore forfeited their Lives, Estate and Honour. In fine they were cited, some to *Vienna*, and some before the Lieutenants at *Prague*, to receive their punishment.

Alas poor Wretches! What must they do? Must they basely throw up the trust committed to them *solely* by consent of the King and Kingdom, desert the Church of Christ, their dear Country, and the afflicted commonalty, and tho' innocent, loose their Privileges, Lives, Estates, Honour and Safety, or discharge their Duty at a time, when there was the greatest need of it,

it, apply a present remedy to the growing Evil, and by a natural Defence to which every one has a right, repel so unjust an invasion on their property by lawful force? I would feign know of you, wise ones, who have been *wantonly* calling not only the *Bohemians* but the *States General*, nay even the *Britons* themselves *Rebels*, how you would have proceeded, if Affairs had come to this pass with you?

The *Defenders* therefore confer with the *E-* They refer the matter to the Evangelical States.  
*vangelical States*, whose common Cause it was, declare they were ready to die for the public Good, if this undeserved Death were no injury to, or desertion of the *Evangelical Church* and *Country*. That it look'd as if the *Papists* had a mind to take them out of the Way; that the remaining *Protestants* of the Kingdom, being depriv'd of all *Defense*, might be driven together as Sheep design'd for slaughter and Destruction. The *States* therefore meet at *Prague*, and consult what ought to be done on the present Juncture of Affairs. They immediately betake themselves to Fasting and Prayer, implore the help of God, and with Groans, intreat the *Defenders*, that they would not so soon appear at *Vienna*.

Then having held a Council, they Decree and solemnly *Protest*, that they are ready to give to *Cæsar* the things that are *Cæsar's*; yet so, that they would not defraud *God* of the things that were *God's*: That they would design nothing against *Cæsar* or the King, in those things which were due to the Magistrate by supreme Right, that they only desir'd the Peace and Liberty of Religion, which they profess with a good Conscience, from the Word of God to be the true and saving Religion, which also *Cæsar* and the

They hold a Council and protest again.



*King*, according to their *Privileges*, *Reversals* and their own *Oath* are obliged to defend, and that therefore he would not presume unlawfully to rule their Consciences, and force them to embrace the Popish Religion, or suffer others with Impunity to attempt it, against *Law* and the aforesaid *Oath*, to the effusion of Christian Blood.

But (tho' the contrary hap'n'd) that neither *Cesar* nor the *King* had any Right, either by themselves or by others, to do any thing against the Word of God, against the Consciences and good *Privileges* of the Subjects, against the *Statutes* and their own *Oaths*, much less to shed innocent Blood; that if they (the *States* and *Defenders*) submitted not in this Point, if they obey'd God, rather than Man, and made Use of a lawful and warrantable Defence, they were not to be treated as REBELS. Let *Cesar* and the *King* do their Duty, according to their Obligations and the Rights of the Kingdom, they declare that they were as faithful Subjects to the *King* and *Cesar*, according to the Word of God and the known Laws of the Kingdom, as the *Papists*, that they were ready to pay him due Honour and Tribute, especially to defend the Peace of Religion and to restrain the Disturbers thereof. Lastly, that the *Papists* give over Oppressing the Protestants, and the *Jesuites* with their malicious Crew be admonish'd to let them live quietly.

All these things when they haughtily despis'd, and went on in their Attempts, then the *States*, according to the Custom of the Kingdom, and their former Protestations, saving the Kings Majesty, resolve to punish the disturbers of the Peace, the Persecutors of the Protestants, and the

the Traytors to their Country. Now as the Ring-  
 Leaders of these were the three *Lieutenants*, and  
 all of them *Jesuits*, they threw them from their  
 Seats, which they had so notoriously abus'd,  
 through the Window of the Tower of *Prague*,  
 and having constituted a *Senate* of *Directors* they  
 command the *Jesuits* to depart the Kingdom,  
 and prepare for their common Defense. Mean  
 while the Arch-Bishop, with other Offenders and  
 Disturbers, flee by stealth to the Emperor, and  
 give him a false aggravated Account of their  
 Proceedings, and provoke him to bring an Ar-  
 my upon the *Bohemians*, now this happy op-  
 prtunity offer'd it self to them.

The Emperor *Matthias*, therefore and King  
*Ferdinand*, nothing regarding the *Protestation* of  
 the *Evangelical Bohemians*, and their just devoir  
 towards them, presently call this whole procedure  
 a Crime of *Lese-Majesty*, condemn the *Bohemi-  
 ans* (unheard) of Rebellion, call to their As-  
 sistance the Popes *Vulcans*, bewitch the Prote-  
 stants both within and without the Empire by  
 their false Allegations, and render the *Bohemi-  
 ans* very odious. But this whole Affair might  
 have been easily accommodated by the proper  
 Judicatures of the *Kingdom* and *Empire*, to which  
 the *Bohemians* furnish'd with sufficient Pleas and  
 Proofs, always invited them, without a detesta-  
 ble War and Spoil of the Kingdom and the  
 whole Empire, and *Europe* it self; yet they would  
 not lose this Opportunity of suppressing the  
 Protestants, and depriving them of the Liberty  
 of their Religion, which they conclude could  
 not be done without a War, (for which they  
 had been long preparing,) and the plundering  
 and pillaging of them all. Thus raising without  
 Delay a strong Army in *Austria*, *Hungary*, *Sti-  
 ria*,

They throw the  
 Disturbers  
 of the  
 Peace  
 out of the  
 Window  
 of the  
 Tower,  
 Banish the  
*Jesuits* and  
 set up a Di-  
 rectory of  
 the King-  
 dom.

The Em-  
 peror calls  
 it the  
 Crime of  
*Lese-Ma-  
 jesty* and  
 Proclaims  
 War a-  
 gainst the  
*Bohemians*.

The Diffe-  
 rence  
 might  
 have been  
 compos'd  
 without a  
 War.

The Bo-  
hemians  
defend  
their Cause  
and give  
an Account  
of the Fact.

The Saxon  
is false to  
the Bohe-  
mians.

The Empe-  
ror Mathi-  
as and his  
Wife Anne  
(who was  
an Enemy  
to the Re-  
formed)  
die A. D.  
16 9.

*ria*, and other Places, he Marches through *Moravia* into *Bohemia*, laying all waste before him, like the *Turks*. The *Bohemians* certify'd of his coming, order their Men to Arms, enlisted Soldiers, and defended themselves as well as they could; and thus maintain'd, not an *Offensive*, but a *Defensive* War: They Publish'd their *Apolo-  
gy*, gave a fair Account of the Fact, desiring to prove their Innocence and their Justice to *Cæsar* and the whole World. But tho' they found that Mankind judg'd differently of the Matter, and many suspended their Opinion, yet some *Hungarians*, *Silesians*, *Austrians*, *Moravians*, and *Palatines* approv'd of their Conduct, and form'd themselves into a confederacy for their Defense: However, rather than they would precipitate the doubtful Fate of a long and cruel War, they were indefatigable in their endeavours after an *Accommodation* of the *Differences* through the *Mediation* of the *Electors* of the *Empire*. But in vain: That *Mediation* was always promis'd indeed, and the *Saxon* who had already made a secret Treaty with the *Emperor Mathias* and *King Ferdinand*, upon that dissuades the *Bohemians* from a Battle, by which at that time they might easily have defeated and overthrown the *Papists*: And thus he hinder'd the Victory of the *Protestants* and the Peace of the *Empire*, for whom he never acted openly, for his Heart was not with them. At length an Army being rais'd of *Spaniards*, *Austrians*, *Hungarians*, *Polanders*, *Cro-  
atians*, *Dalmatians*, *Italians* and Devils incarnate almost, in the *Emperor's* Name, against the innocent States of *Bohemia* and their Allies, they laid waste, *Moravia*, *Austria* and *Bohemia* it self. But God arresting this *Cæsar* took him off, together with his *Empress Anne*, who extremely de-  
light



lighted in the Blood of the *Protestants*, that the *Papists* might have a fair Opportunity for repentance, and for re-establishing Peace.

*Mathias* thus remov'd, *Ferdinand* if he had kept the *Conditions* of his Election, might safely have receiv'd the Crown without the least trouble, and peaceably have return'd into *Bohemia* without an Army. The *Bohemians* were no Enemies to him, nor any one else. But while *Mathias* liv'd, he associated himself in this War with the turbulent Faction, through the malice of the *Jesuites* violated the *Oath* and *Conditions*, and sent for his own Army out of *Stiria* against the *Bohemians*. He presided in the Assembly of *Moravia* against them, by secret Treaties expos'd the Kingdom of *Bohemia*, (with the united *Provinces*) to the Spanish Succession, and by his Privy-Counsellors, did every thing to his liking, imagining he could excuse all these things, by saying they were done by *Mathias's* Authority; when by the *Conditions* and *Royal Title*, he could not have done one of these things lawfully. Thus without any just Reason, *Mathias* made all that Cause and Quarrel his own, made himself *General* of the Enemies Army; commanded the *Bohemians* to lay down their Arms, while he was taking them up, tempted them by his Letters to disband their Army, under pretence of defending their Religion, and procuring them Peace; when at the same time, he was beginning a cruel War against Them, who had not acted the least Thing against *Ferdinand*, or his Army, entered their Kingdom with a very strong Army, on purpose to crush the Defenders and all the *Protestants*, especially if they had laid down their Arms. Thus he chose not to come in as a King, as a Father of his Country,

as

as a nursing Pastor of the Church, as a good Prince would do ; but as an Enemy, a Plunderer, a Wolf and an Oppressor. The *Bohemians*, whom he and his *Jesuites* treated now as *Heretics*, wearied out by these Machinations, had just reason for their Conduct, and indeed political Despair, and therefore from *antient Custom*, by right of their *Privileges*, from the *Obligation* of the *Conditions* offered to, and accepted of by *Ferdinand*, and violated by him, (whereby he had forfeited the Crown, and they were discharged of all Duty or Subjection to him) chose for their King, FREDERIC the 5th Elector Palatine.

Frederic  
the 5th  
Elector Pa-  
latine cho-  
sen King,  
An. 1619.

Foreigners  
are offend-  
ed at the  
Removal  
of Ferdi-  
nand.

Which Conduct in so manifest a Case, has a long Time flourished in that free Nation, who have put away their Princes for breaking the Conditions of Government and forgetting their Duty, and chose another in his room. And yet no Nation ever condemned them of *Rebellion* for so doing, or thought they were to be ruined by a War. But ! (we know not by what Fate) some foreign Kings and Princes of the Empire as well *Protestants* as *Papists*, either mad or offended at those they had nothing to do with (only that they perceived the better Fortune of their Adversaries) instead of assisting them, side with their Enemies, and with their Lawyers, who never considered the reason of their Conduct, no less rashly than grievously accuse the *Bohemians* of *Rebellion*, judge and execute them unheard ; and *Ferdinand*, who for his Male-Administration had forfeited the Kingdom, they proclaim King of *Bohemia*. Moreover, in contempt of the Intercessions and Expostulations of the *Bohemians* and the *Palatine*, they advance him to the *Cæsarean*

*Cæsarean* as well as the *Bohemian* Dignity ; then they ac-  
 joining their Forces with the *Saxon*, together cuse the  
 with other *Lutherans*, and the *Austrio-Spanish* *Bohemians*  
 Leaguers ; they oppressed the *Bohemians* and of Rebelli-  
*Palatine* with a mighty Power. When it would on, salute  
 have become them more to have carefully in- *Ferdinand*  
 spected their *Acts*, *Rights* and *Reasons*, and to *King of*  
 have tried what could be done by their Ad- *Bohemia*,  
 vices, rather than by their Arms. The *Bo-* and create  
*hemians* send Embassadors to the *Electors* with him Em-  
 Instructions that they would endeavour to bring peror.  
*Ferdinand* to temper and reconcile him to Peace, The *Saxon*  
 before they would acknowledge him *King* to against *Bo-*  
 their Prejudice, and solemnly create him Em- *hemia*.  
 peror ; which would very much contribute to the  
 establishing Peace. But the Priests very greedy  
 of a War, suppress this Embassy unheard.

The *Electors* *Palatine* seeing himself and the *The Pala-*  
*Bohemians* now destined to ruin by the *Spanish-* *tine* under-  
*Austrian* League on the Account of the *Evange-* taking the  
*lical* Religion, undertakes their Cause ; thinking Cause of  
 that he might safely adhere to the *Evangelics* the *Bohe-*  
 (now the Intrigues of the *Papists* in *Germany* more En-  
 were discovered) as Friends and Brethren a- mics than  
 gainst the furious Enemies of God and the Friends.  
 Church, and the open Plunderers of the Li-  
 berty of their Countries. But he found very few  
 trusty Jonathans, very many treacherous Judas's.

For the *Saxon* (and many *Germans* of the *The Saxon*  
*Augustan* Confession, his Dependents) hating and frustrated  
 despising the *Bohemians*, for disappointing him of his  
 in his Hopes of obtaining the *Bohemian* Dia- Election  
 dem, deserted them, traduced them, and took to the *Bo-*  
 up Arms against them. And as to the *Palatine*, *hemian*  
 they resolve in their *Saxeous* Wisdom, to drive Kingdom,  
 him out of *Bohemia* as unworthy such a King- acts the  
 dom, because of the odious Name of *Calvinism*, *Austrian*  
 and Commis-  
 sary.



and to RESTORE POPISH FERDINAND? And accusing him of I know not what monstrous Things as a *Calvinist*; both *Papists* and *Lutherans* would have him cut off; both pursue him with the utmost Hostility, rather than assist him, though to the Destruction of the Liberty of *Germany*, to the Promotion of the vastest Devastation, the confounding the *Protestants*, and the introducing the *Spaniards* and *Austrians*.

He lays  
Bautzen in  
Ashes.

Sends the  
Emperor  
two Regi-  
ments of  
Horse.

But to throw a Veil over the Secrets of his feared Conscience for a Time, the *Saxon* with his Accomplices pretend a *Neutrality*. Mean Time, while the *Imperial* Army under *Bucquoy*, whom the *Bavarians* had joined, approached *Prague*, he with 16000 Men, lays Siege to *Bautzen*, the Capital of *Lusatia*. For the Relief of which, King *Frederic* with the *Bohemians* detacheth 12000 Men for their Army. But before they came up to it (the Besieged utterly refusing to surrender the City) he threw so many Bombs into it, that he laid it all under Ashes. Having perpetrated this horrid Wickedness, he presently supplied the *Emperor* with two Regiments of Horse.

Thus the *Ferdinandists* being well recruited, and in good Order, the *Fredericans* with the *Bohemians*, are diminished and disordered. However, both Armies encamp at *Racona*, a Royal City. Whence after several Skirmishes, the *Casareans* leaving their Camp, marched directly for *Prague*, the *Royalists* marching at the same Time on the Side of them; the former halting at *White-hill*, the latter at *Prague*. *Maximilian*, Duke of *Bavaria*, and General *Bucquoy* considering that they could not stay longer there

there without Hazard, press a Battle, and engage, *Nov. 8. 1620.*

The Fight at first was doubtful, the Enemy twice retreated ; at length through the Desertion of *George Frederic*, Count *Hohenloc*, and the Flight of the *Hungarians*, the Army of King *Frederic* and the *Bohemians*, partly slain, partly routed, was in miserable Plight. The King himself, with his Wife big with Child, and his Children, was forced to shive for himself, and to leave the Kingdom to the Conqueror, *November* the 9th. His first refuge was *Wratistavia*, the Capital of *Silesia* ; then his Sisters Palace, the Court of *Berlin*. At length being stripped of his *Hereditary Provinces* by the *Spanish* King and the *Bavarian* Army, proscribed by the Emperor, and deprived of his *Electoral Dignity*, which was transferred to the Duke of *Bavaria*, a new Creature of *Ferdinand's* ; he saw that he would not be wholly out of Danger at his Sisters. So that he proceeded in his *Exile* to *Holland*, to his Uncle *Maurice*, Prince of *Orange*, thro' whose Munificence, with that of his Father-in-law of *Great Britain*, and (after they were both dead) the Assistance of his other Uncle *Frederic Henry*, the *States* of *Holland*, and his Brother-in-law, *Charles* King of *Great Britain*, he rubbed thro' the Fatigues of a long Banishment. After this, when a great Part of his Patrimony in the *Palatinate*, had been recovered by the Arms of *GUSTAVUS ADOLPHUS*, King of *Sueden* ; and he was upon the Point of being restored to the remainder of his Honour and Possessions ; he was poisoned, as some report, at *Mentz*, *November 19. 1632.* in the 37th Year of his Age, and somewhat more than the 12th of his

The Battle  
at *White-  
Hill*, near  
*Prague* ;  
*Ferdinand*  
Conqueror

*Frederic*  
dies at  
*Mentz*, a-  
ged 36. in  
the 12th  
Year of his  
*Exile*. *A.D.*  
1632.

His Character.

his Exile. He was a Prince very much given to Piety, happier in Peace than in Arms, even-tempered, as well in the Smiles, as the Frowns of Fortune ; the Father of many Children.

*Ferdinand*  
puts cer-  
tain No-  
blemen,  
&c. to  
Death  
1621.

*June 11.*  
at *Prague*,  
one Exe-  
cutioner  
doing the  
work  
from 4 to  
10 in the  
Morning;  
others he  
Imprison'd

He forces  
his Subjects  
into the  
*Papish* Re-  
ligion. He  
commands  
Ministers of  
Churches  
and School-  
masters to  
leave the  
Kingdom,  
and puts  
*Papists* in-  
to their  
Rooms.

The Emperor *Ferdinand* the second, after his Victory at *White-Hill* near *Prague*, against King *Frederic* sends *Charles Lichtenstein* his *Viceroy*, into the Kingdom which he now takes Possession of as gain'd by Conquest, by whom having put to Death near Thirty of the Barons, Nobles, and Citizens, condemn'd some to perpetual Imprisonment; sequestred a multitude of their whole Estates, and utterly abolish'd the *Vote and Consent* of the People in creating their Kings, he set up an *Arbitrary* and *absolute Government* in *Bohemia*: And as he was a zealous Bigot to the *Roman See*, he enter'd into Measures with them for the forcing them from the Evangelical Religion into the *Papish Superstitions*. And first of all he begins with the *Presbytery* of *Prague*, with all Ministers of Churches and Masters of Schools. Those who were at *Prague*, he first depriv'd of their Functions, and afterwards those in other Parts of the Nation, and Banish'd them the Kingdom, putting *Romish* Priests and School Masters into their Rooms. Then by particular *Mandates*, written to his Vicars and other his Ministers of every Degree and Dignity, he signify'd what he would have done out of hand with all the Inhabitants. Soldiers were Quarter'd every where, through all the Towns, to strike Terror into the People and to watch very strictly that no religious Assemblies were held any where in the Churches, or in the Schools. Maids and Widows were forc'd to marry *Papists* against their Wills, and forbidden to be Married to *Protestants*. None but *Papists* were admitted



ted into the *Roll of Citizens*. And to deprive the *Bohemians* for ever of the profession of any Religion but the Popish, the *Emperor* in the Year 1627. by a singular Law Authorizes *new Constitutions* of the Kingdom proclaim'd by himself. For the speedy Execution of which Business, he Invested a *Quadrumvirate* with an absolute Authority, who with all their Might were to hasten the Work, and by their Jesuits, Capuchins, Dominicans and even their military Harpies, should press all without Distinction to Apostatize by their Threats and Allurements. Those who would not make Shipwreck of the Faith and forsake the *Protestant Religion*, were depriv'd of their Goods, their Dignities, their Country, were Imprison'd and made away with by various Kinds of Torments. At length *An.* 1628. by a Mandate of the *Emperor's* an immense Multitude of Men and Women, young Men and Maids, Boys and Girls were forc'd to leave their *Native Country*, and were dispers'd into all the Corners of the Earth almost. The Nobility had 6 Months given them for their departure. This Calamity separated and alienated Children from their Parents, Brethren from their Brethren and Husbands from their Wives! Little Children without Distinction are torn from their Mothers Bosoms, or snatch'd from the Hands of their Friends. The Males are deliver'd to the Jesuits for Instruction, the Females to the Nuns! If any one escap'd the Evil by Flight, and departed the Country with their Neighbours, their Estates were Sequester'd, and the Goods of those to whom they fled expos'd to Sale. And although a Year or two was given to some, who chose rather to forsake their *Country*, than their *Religion*, before the Goods they had left behind them were

He gives  
his com-  
mands to  
his Vicars.

He ap-  
points 4  
Men to  
urge Apo-  
stacy.

By his  
command  
many are  
sent into  
Banish-  
ment.

were to be distrain'd; yet by various Colours and specious Pretexts the Matter was so brought about, that the Incumbrances brought upon them during that time, were to be paid by the outed Possessors, yet the produce almost entirely kept back from the first Proprietors, and the Lands themselves and all the immoveables, either sold for a trifle, or where they could find no Purchaser, confiscated to the King, as Estates wholly abandon'd. And because he would not seem to abate of the utmost Cruelty, he caution'd all the Kindred and Acquaintance of the Exiles, under the severest Penalties, (loss of Goods and Life) from giving them any manner of Assistance, or privately harbouring them in their Houses, that hereafter none of his Subjects upon any pretence whatever, should give the least relief or reception to any who were leaving their Country.

The oppress'd  
Righteousness of  
the *Palatine* and  
*Bohemians*.

The *Palatine* and *Bohemians* therefore oppress'd for Righteousness sake, and frustrated of their Hope by the *Emperor Ferdinand II.* are forc'd to see every thing go against their Will and their Wishes, being defeated (to the great Joy of the *Jesuits*) by the terrible Strength and Tyger-like Cruelty of the *Austrio-Spanish* Leaguers, by the desertion, treachery and Arms of the *German Lutherans*: Thus bound by the Beast, thus ruin'd to this very Day, the true Religion of the *Protestants* is wholly extirpated in those two *Electo-rates*. On the other Hand an execrable Idolatry is planted, sown, encreaseth and flourisheth there. All to this End; that the Pragmatic Sanctions of the Council of *Trent* (which was nothing else but a gang of *Thieves* conspiring together, for the Oppression of the Truth) might be fully executed with the utmost Rage and Tyranny.

Whilst

Whilst such a *Bloody Scene* was exhibited in *The City* *Bohemia*, and in the *Palatinate* by the *Popish* and Princes of *Germany* *League*, the Princes and Cities of the *Empire* ei-  
 ther could not see or believe it, or would not regard not the  
 resist so outrageous an Attempt by their united Tragedy  
 Forces, and defend their Brethren. For they of the *Pa-*  
 thought that they had nothing to do with the *latine* and  
 Affair, so long as they felt none of these things, *Bohemian*.  
 or could be idle Spectators, haters and traducers  
 of the *Calvinists*, and in conjunction with the *Pa-*  
*pists* could oppress them and blot them out of the  
 Book of Life. Nay they foolishly promis'd them-  
 selves the *Emperor's* Favour, which they never  
 had, now have, or will have. For it is very  
 well known, that the House of *Austria* never  
 better rewarded them for their best and irre-  
 compensible Services than with a *Halter*. This  
 the *Germans* have experienc'd to their unspeak-  
 able Damage, for above these twenty five Years  
 past under *Ferdinand* the Father and Son, and  
 the remains of them yet reserv'd for expia-  
 tory Victims, daily expect worse and more dread-  
 ful things to come. The Divine Justice will not  
 give the World that Peace which they hop'd  
 from the Oppression of these poor Sufferers,  
 but visits and Scourges all the Provinces by Sea  
 and Land with fiercer Wars and harder Rods.

\* For the *Papists* not acquiescing in the pre-  
 sent

\* The *Evangelical* Princes in the *Emperor Rodolph's* time *An*,  
 1610. held a Convention at *Hall* in *Suabia*, in which Convention  
 was settled an UNION of the principal Electors, Princes, Counts  
 and Protestant Cities. It ill agreed with the *Papists* who were  
 jealous that some strange Factious things were to arise from it.  
 Therefore on the part of the *Catholics*, there was a celebrated  
 meeting at *Wurtzburg*, of many Ecclesiastical and temporal Per-  
 sons in the same Year, and the Foundations of the HOLY  
 LEAGUE were there laid. Of the necessity of which, *Windeck*  
 in *Lib. de haeres. extirp.* p. 412. & seq. thus speaks. For destroying  
 the



sent Advantages of this treacherous Desertion of *Bohemia* and the *Palatinate*, the two principle Members of the Empire, are endeavouring still further to extend their Power. Most hateful was that famous UNION to them, which in its very Infancy like a Solstitial Herb on a sudden wither'd and died away, and blown off and scatter'd by the swelling puff of one *Genoese Merchant* (are ye not asham'd ye *Germans*?) vanish'd out of Sight. On the other hand the HOLY LEAGUE (truly Sacred) by which they bound themselves to persecute the *Gospel* with Sword, Famine and Fire, grew up to so full Age, that she thought her self able to govern the whole World at her pleasure, and daily water'd with prodigious Streams of Blood, has shot up to such a heighth, that she now provokes even Heaven it self with her tow'ring Head; and with her Tail has beaten out the 3d part of the Stars of Heaven and cast them

\* *Rev. 12.* to the Earth. \* Again, they establish'd a new Council of War against the *Heretics* (as they call the true Worshipers of *Jesus Christ*) new holy Arms

the *Sectaries*. I. A League and Association of the Catholic Princes is requir'd (as also the Jesuit *Creswell*, p. 161. says that a LEAGUE is necessary and of Obligation, and *Windeck* again, that the League or Union made in *France* and Publish'd, Anno 1587. which they call the SACRED or HOLY LEAGUE, was a wholesome Counsel.) II. And then (proceeds *Windeck*) the opportunity is not to be neglected; namely when the Powers are exhausted of their Money. III. And that the *Catholics* may the more easily oppress the *Sectaries*, occasions are to be taken (have they not done this among the Princes of *Germany*?) of dividing them by various Arts and Methods; This also was attended to by *Charles Vth.* to his great Advantage. IV. The *Catholics* are to get foreign Aid to reduce the *Sectaries* and to take care on the other hand, that they have no foreign Supplies. From all this, 'tis plain that this long, intestine War took its rise and Increase, and will have its Decrease.

Arms at *Vienna*, which their *Roman Jupiter* A new himself consecrated by the Title of the *Conception* Soldiery established by some of the Nobles, An. 1619. call'd Soldiers of the Conception of the Virgin Mary. of the *blessed Virgin Mary*, and strictly enjoyn all the Provinces around to accept † either the *Jesuite* or the *Hangman*; that is, this for the Destruction of the Body, that of the Soul. The Foundations of Tyranny thus laid, they carried Things to such a heighth, that with him (who frequently used to cry; \* I WISH THE PEOPLE OF ROME HAD BUT ONE NECK!) They wished all the *Evangelics* but one Head, one Throat, that they might dispatch them at a Stroke: Nor did they stick to speak out, that \* the BLOOD OF A SLAIN ENEMY SMELL VERY WELL, OF AN HERETICAL CITIZEN BETTER.

Upon this Foundation the *Emperor Ferdinand* Frideric and all his Issue removed from the Electoral Succession by the Leaguers, Ju. 29. 1621. with the *Leaguers* against the Laws proscribe and condemn King *Frideric* unheard, and set aside the *Electoral Succession*, all his Issue against all divine, human, natural and rational Right; against the Constitution of the Empire, and his own exprefs Declaration. In Process of Time, at length they deprived his Grandmother and Mother (without any reverence to their Blood, or regard to their Innocence) of their Dowry, to the eternal Disgrace of their Relations; by which more than *Cyclopean* Cruelty, they oppressed their Provinces with such Barbarity, Rage and Tyranny, that greater Desolation never was heard of from the *Turks* and *Tartars*. By the former Declaration, they incapacitate

† A saying of Count *Herbenstein's*. See the Act. Germ. in Folio.

\* A saying of *CALIGULA's* in *Suetonius*.

\* Another of *Vitellius's*, *ibid*.

*Lewis of Deux-Ponts, Frideric's Brother*, or any other his Survivors from succeeding to the *Electorate*, and thus by these Steps, cut off all Hopes of recovering it. Whilst in *England*, by the Operation of *Spanish* Instruments, every thing grew warm and threatned an intestine Flame; which is now burning very fiercely. King *Frideric* thus banned, and all his Posterity excluded; *Maximilian*, Duke of both *Bavaria's*, for his very great Services, (as they say) done to the House of *Austria*, to the Hazard of his Life, and to his very great Expence, is chosen into the *Electoral* College, *February* the 25<sup>th</sup>. 1623, and to this Day mightily plumes himself with this Dignity, supplying on all Occasions, Men, Arms and Money for the Extirpation of the Protestants.

The Prince  
of *Transil-*  
*vania's* 1<sup>st</sup>  
and 2<sup>d</sup> Ex-  
pedition a-  
gainst the  
Emperor.

This same Year, *Gabriel Bethlehem*, Prince of *Transilvania* (who in the Year 1619, made an Expedition against the Imperialists in *Hungary*, and took the Crown from the Castle of *Presburg*, before which *Tampirius* and *Bucquoy* lay, and was proclaimed King) marched a strong Army formed out of *Hungarians*, *Ciculi* and *Turks*, against the same Emperor into the very Heart of *Hungary*. Against whom was sent General, *Hieronymus Caraffa*, Marquess of *Monte-Negro*, with the Leaguer's Forces, consisting of Forty Thousand Horse and Foot. This Army encamped at *Hoden* (a Town on the Borders of *Moravia*) the *Transilvanian* had so surrounded and reduced to such Straits, that for a Month together and more, the Soldiers durst neither stir out of their Camp for Forage, nor could they with safety bring any thing in with them. Reduced to the last Extremity, they eat above seven hundred Horses; and if they had



had been kept thus pent up for a Fortnight longer, the greater Part (as the Soldiers themselves confessed) must have perished by Hunger and Cold, and the whole Army have dwindled away to nothing ;

*Sed Auri.*

*Sacra fames quid non mortalia pectora cogis !*

*Cæsar* with his Leaguers considering that he could no way withstand so potent an Enemy ; and afraid that he should loose the whole Empire, and be forced to leave to the Conqueror, *Vienna* ; the Bulwark against the *Turks* (under which specious Pretense the Empire from the Year 1300 has suffered innumerable Evils, and the *Ottoman* Port has been as much enlarged) he was forced to make use of *Charles* the 5th's Golden Bridge and hasten to a Treaty in good earnest, and thus accepts of the *Transilvanians* own Conditions, and pays him many a Tun of Gold and Silver for the Redemption of his half-dead Army. The General *Monte-Negro* having received so agreeable an Express from the Emperor, goes to the Prince, leaps from his Horse and thus congratulates him ;

MOST INVINCIBLE AND MOST POTENT PRINCE,  
THIS DAY YOU HAVE RESTORED THE EMPIRE  
TO THE EMPEROR, AND TO US OUR LIVES.  
For which Submission, or rather because his Expedition had not been prosperous he was put out of his Generalship, as soon as he got to *Vienna*, and afterwards (as Fame went) privately beheaded some where or other.

The *Transilvanian* having received the Gold comes to an Agreement with the Emperor.

His Place was supplied by *Albert Baron Wallenstein*, a *Bohemian*, (afterwards made Duke of *Fiseland*) who marched off the Emperor's Ar-

*Wallenstein* marches the shattered Army to *Winte*

in *Moravia*  
and *Bohe-*  
*mia*, and  
in the  
Spring  
1624, in-  
vades *Ger-*  
*many*.

my (very much weakned and diminished) in-  
to *Moravia* and *Bohemia*, where quartering it  
for the whole Winter and some Part of the  
Spring, he made them much stronger. With  
this Army by the Emperor's Command, he in-  
vades *Germany*, Anno 1624, and destroyed all  
before him most furiously with Fire and Sword,  
wherever he came.

The *Trans-*  
*ilvanian*  
makes a  
Diverſion  
by a third  
Expedition

Nevertheless, the Prince of *Transilvania* was  
thought to design the *Leaguers* another strong Di-  
version in the Autumn of the Year 1626, because  
they had not made him full Satisfaction. For  
he marched with a well furnished Army into  
lower *Hungary*, with many of the chief Nobles  
of the Kingdom and *Turks*, to whom *Ernest*  
Count *Mansfelt*, and General *Jagerndorff*, af-  
ter some Conference joyned their Forces, which  
they had marched with great Indefatigableness  
out of *Germany* through *Silesia* and other dange-  
rous Places, *Wallenstein* pursuing them Night  
and Day. But when both Armies were in rea-  
diness, and they could easily have defeated the  
*Imperialists*, the *Transilvanian* demands the Mo-  
ney, which the *Venetians* should have remitted  
by Exchange, and would act nothing in earnest  
without it. Mean while General *Jagerndorff*  
is poisoned in *Bethlehem's* Camp: The brave  
*Mansfelt* was forced to leave his Army (with  
which it was difficult to retreat) to the Prince,  
and to take his leave of him. From whence  
in his way to *Venice* being spent with Grief, and  
a *Dysentery* he changed this Life for a better.  
The Author of the *European Scene* introduces  
him thus speaking,

*Mansfelt*  
and *J.* -  
*gerndorff*  
joyn their  
Forces  
with him.

*Jager n-*  
*dorff* poi-  
soned.

*Mansfelt*  
dies.

*Haud*

*Haud in defidiâ, haud potui sine vivere bello,  
 Nam bellum, sors dos & mea nupta fuit.  
 Excivi Gallos, Germanos atque Britannos ;  
 Omnes sub ductu nam meruere meo.  
 Hostis me timuit ; sed non dilexit Amicus :  
 Nec me quam merui, laudis honore tulit.  
 Sit licet : et præsens nunc me non æstimet ætas,  
 Digna dabit laudum præmia posteritas.  
 Quem vivum oderunt, frustra post busta requirunt,  
 Amissi crescit gratia morte boni.*

After his Departure the Prince once more He treats  
 baited and corrupted with *Spanish* Gold, strikes with the  
 up a Bargain with the Emperor, and having Emperor.  
 plundered the Mine-Cities on the Mountains,  
 he returns at last by upper *Hungary* into *Trans-*  
*ylvania*. The *Turks* also carried away with  
 them captive, a great many *Christians*, without  
 any Regard to Age or Sex. But *Mansfelt's* Ar-  
 my deprived of their worthy General (especial-  
 ly the Foot) were exposed to plunder and slaugh-  
 ter from the *Sclavonians* and *Valachians* inhabit-  
 ing those Parts. As many of the Horse as  
 could, retired into *Silesia* and the *Marquisate* *Mansfelt's*  
 of *Brandenburg*, whom the *Cæsareans* continual- Army by  
 ly annoyed ; so that when they found they this means  
 could not be secure from their Insults, many reduced to  
 of them being cut off, every one shifted for nothing.  
 himself as well as he could. And thus thro'  
 the shameful Avarice of the *Transilvanian* Prince,  
 all that Army came to nothing.

These three Expeditions that put immedi-  
 ate Victory into the *Transilvanian's* Hand and en-  
 abled him to carry off the triumphant Laurel  
 from the *Papists*, did more hurt than good to  
 the



the Church of God, the Kingdom of *Bohemia* with the incorporated Provinces, and indeed the whole Empire. God without doubt did not design him as an Instrument of Deliverance from the *Anti-Christian* Yoke. For a little Time after, in the Year 1628, he fell into a grievous Distemper, which every Day encreased more and more upon him; till at length, through a Rupture of the Bladder, at the end of the Year 1629, he finished the last Office of Nature fore against his Will at *Waradin*. Immediately after his Death, the *Papists* contrive a horrible Plot. For they conspired with *Czaky* a zealous *Papist*, to raise Soldiers privily and to place them at *Hoden*, two *Hungarian* Miles from *Alba Julia* (in *German* *Weyssenberg* in *Hungarian* *Gulaseirwar*) the Princes Seat, and in the neighbouring Popish Places. With whom on the Day appointed for the solemn Interment of the Prince, they were on a sudden to rush into the greater Tower Church, and to murder the whole Race of *Bethlehem*, the Counts, Barons, Nobles, Pastors and Professors of the Kingdom, together with the Delegates from the seven *Saxon* Cities, and the great Concourse of People there. This Conspiracy was discovered by *Scultetus*, Physician and Counsellor to the Widow Princess *Katharine* of *Brandenburg*, who perceiving the Obliquity of her Purposes (contrary to the usual Custom) put a Chain to the little Door at the Back of the Tower, by which she was to get into the Castle with her Accomplices the Midnight before the Funeral Rites and in the Popish Church without the Tower to adore the Idol of the Mass, and to receive the Host from the Hands of the Priest, for their better Confirmation in  
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The Conspiracy of Count *Czaky*, and the *Papists* in *Transylvania*, discovered by *Scultetus*, Physician to the Princess, who was privy to it herself.

the *Romish* Faith. Then he privately acquaints, without Loss of Time, *Stephen Bethlehem*, Governour of *Transilvania*, and Brother to the deceased Prince, with all their pestilent Designs against their Church and Country. The Princess, as she had concerted (the Watch being silent) comes with her Followers to the Gate; which when she sees chained, she found that somebody had betrayed her. Away she retires to her Chamber, all raving and melancholy, calls *Scultetus*, and orders him to send for her Brother-in-law, the Governour; both the Town and Court Minister, and *Johannes Henricus Alstedius*, Divinity Professor, to come to her presently. Where, when all were met together, her Conscience pricking her, she confesses, that the three last Years of her Husband's Life, the Emperor and Jesuites of *Rome* had prevailed on him to embrace the *Romish* Religion; that to that End, they sent him a Cross, Rosaries, and divers Relics, with a very curious Cabinet (all which, by her Command, were burnt in her presence) and to execute their Bloody Tragedy the approaching Day, she told them, that Count *Czaky* had received many Thousand Ducats in Hand. All stood amazed at what they heard: Especially the aforesaid *Alstedius*, who severely reprehending her from the Holy Scriptures, touched her Conscience to the very Quick. They leaving her lying down in her Bed, depart the Tower. The Governour and Nobility present send what Soldiers they had with them to seize *Czaky* and disperse the Conspirators. But he, certified of all this, and conscious of his Guilt, flies into upper *Hungary* before they could reach him; the rest of the *Conspirators* are dispersed.

The Governour  
sends Soldiers to  
take *Czaky*.

perfed. Thus the Funeral Pomp of the Prince was finished, not without great Fear, and his Corps committed to the Earth. The Princess, after this was over, fell into a dangerous Dif-eafe, of which she did not recover but a little before *Easter-Day*. Upon which Solemnity she goes to the Holy *Eucharist*, at the Tower Church, with her Nobles, and there acted (not a true, but) an Hypocritical Penitent; for she still cabal-  
 led with the *Papists*, encourag'd private In-  
 treagues, had Interviews with Count *Czaky* her Favourite: and fupplied him with Money to op-  
 press the *Protestants*. This *Czaky*, in the Tower of *Togara*, at his own Table, in the hearing of many, pronounc'd these Words from his blasphemous Mouth: *Either I will trouble the World, or God shall confound me*. The Nobles of *Transilvania* therefore to avoid the impend-  
 ing Danger, command her to resign her Widow Government, to retire to her private Habita-  
 tion, and to live there quietly.

But that the *Principality* should not be with-  
 out a good Prince; they with one Voice agree that Count *Stephen Bethlehem*, Senior, (Lieute-  
 nant and Commander of *Huft*, and Govern-  
 our of *Marmaroffa*) the then Governour of *Transilvania*, is worthy of fo high a Stati-  
 on; and accordingly in the Month of *October* 1630, at *Claudiopolis* in German *Clausenburg*, in *Hungarian Colofwar*, proclaim him Prince. Against whom, *Stephen Bethlehem*, Junior, his own Son, and *David Solomon*, his Kinsman, Govern-  
 our of *Zekelbeyde*, invited *George Count Ragotski*, Lieutenant of the County of *Saros*, and Governour of *Onedia*, out of the upper *Hungary*, and the *Heyducks* on the other Side *Tibiscu*, proclaim him Prince at *Waradin*, vul-  
 garly *Wardeyen*, the same Month, out of whom  
 he



he raises an Army of 12000 Men, and marches them from *Transilvania*, not far from *Claudio-polis*. In like Manner, *Stephen Bethlehem*, the new Prince marches an Army of 14000 Men against him, consisting of Saxons, Hungarians and *Ciculi*. The Emperor *Ferdinand*, having now a fit Opportunity of reducing the *Heyducks* and *Transilvanians* by their bickerings, and so taking his revenge of them, marches his Army also rais'd out of *Popish* and *Lutheran Hungarians* of the lower Country, under the Conduct of *George Count Esterhazy* Palatine of Hungary, by *Czepus* to the upper part of Hungary, with which he passes the *Tibiscus* at *Tokay*, took in and burnt *Carlsstat*, a Town of the *Heyducks*, burnt and plunder'd several Villages, and design'd if things had come to a Battle, to suppress both Parties. But here he fail'd in his expectation. For *Stephen* by his ripened Prudence and natural Clemency, which inclin'd him rather to Peace than to War, and to the shedding of innocent Blood, after a friendly Treaty and compromise, voluntarily resign'd his *Principality*, and left the Honour to *GEORGE RAGOTSKY*, who coming to *Alba Julia*, with a splendid retinue the 24th. Dec. 1630. was inaugurated Prince in the *Tower Church*, and as a token of Investiture receiv'd afterwards from the Turkish Minister a Banner, a Scymetar and a Scepter, call'd by the Hungarians, *Burikan*.

The Solemnity being over, he appoints *Solomon Esterhazy* to command the Army he brought with him, joyning the *Transilvanians* and *Ciculi* to them, which he Marches back to the upper Hungary, that he might drive the plunderer *Esterhazy* thence, and free the Inhabitants from his Oppressions. The Success prov'd happy in a short time. For coming to an Engagement at *Rakamat* about an Hungarian Army.

The Empe-  
ror also,  
sends  
an Army  
there, but is  
deceiv'd in  
his Hopes  
and beaten.

*Stephen Bethlehem*,  
voluntarily  
resigns to  
*Ragotsky*.

*Esterhazy* with  
the Empe-  
ror's General  
was defeated  
near *Cassow*  
via by  
*George*  
*Ragotsky's*

*garian* Mile from the Castle of *Tokay*, the *Esterhassians* were partly slain, partly routed, and many of them drown'd in the *Tibiscus*. The *Palatine* of *Hungary* himself, the *Emperor's* General, had much ado to reach *Cassovia*, the Capital of upper *Hungary*, and there secure himself with the remainder of his Army, having left behind him many of his Officers Prisoners, and common Soldiers wounded. The *Emperor* upon this defeat, after his old way begs Peace of the *Prince*, who having sent Commissioners to *Cassovia*, An. 1631. finish'd a Treaty with the *Palatine Esterhass*, and receiv'd some Tuns of Gold for Damages sustain'd. *Solomon* with the *Transilvanian Protestants*, but ill relish'd this Pacification, when the victorious *Prince* might have pursued the Enemy, reliev'd the oppress'd *Moravians*, *Bohemians* and *Germans* (which *Solomon* incessantly urg'd) and so have broken the Power of the *Leaguers*. But he wholly slipt this fair Opportunity, and having secur'd his own Nest, built for himself alone, amassing greater Sums of Money than ever the *Bethlemites* had. But Anno 1644. he began to move a little against the *Emperor*; but *Cesar* by Gifts reconcil'd him, and he return'd home 1645, being paid for the Charges of his expedition a part of the *Upper Hungary*.

But leaving the *Transilvanian*, let us briefly see what progress *Cesar* and the *Leaguers* made. The Duke of *Friselend*, as was said before, pursues with some part of his Forces the remainder of *Mansfelt's* Horse into *Silesia*, and sends the greater part of his Army to Winter in *Moravia* and *Bohemia*. So cruelly did his Soldiery (especially the *Walloons* under the command of *Merodes* a Frenchman) treat the Inhabitants, that a third part of them were forc'd to leave their Houses,

The Duke  
of *Frisel-*  
*land* in-  
vades  
*Germany* a  
second  
time.

Houses, and sculk about from place to place. The Women were forc'd to leave their Husbands, the Maidens their Fathers (some of whom both young and old those brutish Adulterers ravish'd in their Houses, in the Fields, and in the Streets, even to Death) and to look for safer retreats. After this he invades *Germany* a second time with a formidable Army (*Anno 1627.*) as the common plunderer of the *Empire*, and made horrible desolations and depopulations in *Silesia*, the *Marquisate* of *Brandenburg* and other places. He miserably oppress'd *Pomerania* contrary to the Liberty and the Laws of the *Empire*. He besieg'd *Stralsund*, impiously vaunting that if it were held fastned with Golden Chains by Heaven it self, he would have it nevertheless. Yet unable to take it, he was forc'd to raise the Siege with Disgrace. He drain'd the *Dutchy* of *Mechlemburg*, (whose Dukes he had expell'd) to the last Degree by his Contributions. He transported his Army by the *Baltic Sea* (of which he boasted himself Lord) even to *Guelderland*. On the other hand *Tilly* at his pleasure furiously ravages (by the upper and lower *Palatinate*) *Swabia*, *Franconia*, the *Dutchies* of *Wirtembergh* and *Luttenburgh*, the *Archbishoprick* of *Bremen*, *East-Friesland*, *Westphalia*, *Cleves*, *Thuringia*, and the *Dutchy* of *Brunswick*, reduces *Hesse*, *Nassau*, *Wetteravia* and *Buchoven*, with many other Places in those Provinces, and loads the Inhabitants with intolerable exactions. But while he was hovering about *Saxony*, the *Saxon* in a time of so great Difficulty, appearing the first in this just and holy Cause, convenes the *Protestant States* at *Leipsick* in *March 1631*. For as *Electo*r he had a call and command from Heaven, to vindicate and defend the common Liberty thus oppress'd,

*Tilly* likewise furiously ravages it.

The *Saxon* convenes the *Protestant States*.



a Thing that would tend to the Common Interest of the Church and State, and which he had sworn to promote, not to the Enemies, but the Partakers of the Faith. And although *William Landgrave of Hesse Cassel*, Head of the reformed in the Convention at *Leipsick*, was in no very good Terms with the *Saxon*, not only on the Account of Religion, but of the Business of *Darmstadt*; yet in this Case of Necessity, his hereditary Alliance came in very seasonably. But alas! That this new *Lippian* Confederacy was not to hold long, that horrible Example presaged, I mean the Sacking of *Magdeburg* one of the antientest and finest Cities in the Empire, which speaks the Desertion and Perfidy of the *Saxon*, and will ever speak it, as long as the Name of a *German* shall remain on the Earth.

The King of *Saxen* undertakes the Protection of *Germany*. But now, after such butcherly Slaughters, and bloody Executions had been exercised, throughout the Empire, and that INCOMPARABLE HERO, *GUSTAVUS ADOLPHUS*, King of the *Suedes*, *Goths* and *Vandals*, heard that his Neighbours of the *Sound* and the *Germans* partakers of the Faith; (who had been groaning under their Afflictions and crying out to God) were in Danger of losing their Religion and ancient Liberty, being cruelly tormented by the Armies of the Leaguers and the Emperor; and knew moreover, that the Dukes of *Mechlenburg*, his Relations had been expelled from and deprived of their Dutchies: Add to this, that he himself had felt the hostile Attacks of this Army, and their ill Treatment of his Embassadors, he was resolved, to take upon him the Protection of *Germany*, and to give a Check to these Violences, lest they should spread further, and prove

prove dangerous to his Dominions. Therefore by the common Consent of the Kingdom of *Sueden*, he denounced War against these Tormentors, Plunderers and Oppressours of innocent Mankind.

Wherefore the Ninth of *June*, 1630, by the King's Command, the *Suedish* Army took Possession of *Rugen* an Island of *Pomerania*, after having defeated and routed the Plunderers of it. And not long after, the King himself, with part of his Army by the Favour of Heaven and the Winds was transported to the Isle of *Rugen*; where he poured out most fervent Prayers to God, that he would not withhold his Blessing from this War, which he had undertaken for the Succour of the Church now in Danger. Presently after which, he attacks the Enemy and defeats them, seizes their Harbours and Passages to *Penemunde*, *Swine*, *Dirvenow*, *Usedom* and *Wollin*, and reduces the Forts they had built for the Defense of the City of *Wolgast*. Having removed these Obstructions of his Passage to *Stetin* the Metropolis of *Pomerania* (whose Gates his Soldiers had secured before the Citizens were aware) he received it into his Protection, and fortified it by adding several Forts to it. After this, in the *Christmas* Holy-days, he took by Assault the two Garrison Towns and Ports of *Pomerania*, *Gryffenhague* and *Gartz*, and left a Garrison in them.

In the Year 1631, he took *Demmin* in *Pomerania* from the Enemy. The Imperial Garrison of *Colberg* in *Pomerania*, he obliged to surrender upon certain Conditions offered them, and placed a Garrison of his own there. The King stormed *Frankfort* upon the *Oder*, after the Slaughter of many of the *Imperialists*. Then he

A Detail  
of his Ac-  
tions in the  
Empire,  
A. D.  
1630.

*June 24.*

*July 27.*

A CH.  
1631.

*Feb. 25.*

*March 2.*

*April 3.*

- May 17. he reduc'd *Lantsbergh*, which had a fortify'd Har-  
 July 17. bour. He deliver'd *Gripsewalde* in *Pomerania*  
 from the Enemy, *Perufius* the Governour being  
 kill'd. In his absence, *Mechlin* in the *Mechlen-*  
 July 26. *burgese* was taken by Storm, and the *Dukes* of  
*Mechlenburg*, under the Conduct of the King of  
 Aug. 25. *Sueden* recover'd *Gustraw* and enter'd it with  
 solemn Pomp. *Tilly* to revenge this great slaugh-  
 ter would have forc'd the King's Camp at the  
 Fort of *Werba*: But he did nothing more than  
 march back with his Army presently to be de-  
 Aug. 29. feated. For the King soon after joyning the *Saxon's*  
 Army, attacks the *Leaguers* Army near *Leipsick*,  
 which consisted of 32 Regiments commanded by  
 Tilly, where after a sharp Engagement, which last-  
 ed 5 Hours, he beat him and carried off a glori-  
 ous Victory. This was the first Day that saw  
 him who had been so many Years the terrour  
 and Conquerour of *Germany* yielding and running  
 away. The King pursuing the Enemy, took in  
*Erfurt* and *Gotha*. Besides this he gain'd the  
 strong Castle of *Wurtsburg* and *Schweinsfort*.  
 Sept. 17. 26. Moreover the Imperial Garrison of *Rostock* hear-  
 ing of the overthrow and slaughter of *Tilly's*  
 Army, give it up to the Swedish Forces and  
 march'd out of it. The King reduc'd *Hoeftia*.  
 Octob. 1. 15. He took *Hanaw*. From hence he pass'es through  
 Octob. 20. *Francfort* on the *Main*, that celebrated Mart of  
 Novemb. 1. Marts. He also in the midst of Winter by force  
 Novemb. 18. of Arms, made those of *Metz* yield to him:  
 Decemb. 5. The last of *December* he took the Fort before *Op-*  
 Decemb. 21. *penheim* and the Day afterward the City it self.  
 In the Beginning of the Year 1632, *Mag-*  
 Janu. 1. *deburg* came into the King's Hands, which had  
 Apr. xxii. been cruelly wasted and almost burnt to Ashes,  
 Janu. 9. by *Tilly*. *Wismar* in *Mechlenburg*, surrendered to  
 the *Sueds*, *Manheim* in the *Palatinate*, situate at  
 the



the Confluence of the *Neckar* and the *Rhine*, Jan. 10.  
 submitted to the King; where the King of  
*Sueden* restored to his hereditary Seat, the Pa- Jan. 12.  
*latine Frideric*, who had been banished and dri-  
 ven thence so many Years. Then he took  
*Creutznac* in the *Palatinate*, by Storm. After March 1.  
 this he took *Donawert*, a fortified Town upon  
 the *Danube*, having driven out the Leaguers March 27.  
 Army, and soon after took in many other  
 Places. Then he advanced further, and upon  
 the Borders of *Bavaria* at the River *Lech*,  
 which some call *Loyse*; he again routed and put  
 to Flight the Leaguer's Army, whose Com-  
 mander *Tilly*, the Terrour of many of the  
 Princes of *Germany*, whom all hitherto thought  
 invincible, received a Mortal Wound from a April 5.  
 Cannon Ball, of which he died a few Days af-  
 terwards at *Ingolstat*. The King in his March  
 from thence, seizes *Newburg*. He forced *Augf-* Tilly's  
*burgh* to submit, which had received a *Bavari-* Death.  
*an* Garrison, and made a solemn Entrance in- April 8.  
 to it the same Day. The King was afterwards  
 received by the *Norimberghers*, whose Protec- April 13.  
 tion and Defense he had undertaken, with Re-  
 joycings and Acclamations. *Munich* in *Bava-* April 30.  
*ria* yielded to him on certain Conditions, and  
 the following Day made him a Present of some  
 very fine Cannon, which had been hid under May 7.  
 Ground. The King narrowly escaped death.  
 For as he was before the Fort of *Ingolstat*, which  
 he was besieging; his Horse under him was  
 shot dead by a Cannon Ball from the Camp,  
 and near him, *Christopher*, *Marquis* of *Baden*  
 was shot through the Head by a Bullet. The  
 same day too, it is believed, that *Tilly* died  
 of his Wounds at *Ingolstat*. After this he relieved  
*Nurimberg*, which the Leaguers and Imperialists  
 had

had besieged with a great Army; and at length forced them to raise the Siege. Mean while *Confluence* in the County of *Triers*, put themselves under the King's Protection. *Grafenburg* a strong Castle in the Territory of *Triers*, put herself into the King's Hands. *Offenberg* in *Alsace* surrendred too, and many other Places in *Alsace* and *Cologne* were reduc'd to the King's Obedience.

June 21.

July 10.

Septem. 2.

The Battle of *Lutzen*, in which the honest King of *Sweden* gloriously fell.

After these things the King in the Month of *October*, being call'd off to the *Elector* of *Saxony's* Assistance by reason of the Enemies irruption into *Misnia*, he hastned thither with his Army, and directly marches, *Nov. 16.* towards the Army of the *Leaguers* and the *Emperor* then encamp'd the greatest part of them at *Lutzen*. But before he engag'd the Enemy, he light from his Horse and upon his Knees by fervent Prayer implored of the great God the Victory over his Enemies. And then turning to his Nobles, Colonels, Soldiers and Countrymen, he in a very solemn Speech, like the dying Song of the Swan, exhorted them to fight heartily, steadily and intrepidly for the Cause of God and the Liberty of their Country. In this bloody Battle, where the Difficulty was great, he was present with his Advice; where there was hope, he assisted with his Voice; where the Danger was great, he interposed with his Hand. But as he was viewing the Multitude of the Enemy, and considering the Greatness of the Danger, that he might encourage his Soldiers after the Example of *P. DECIUS* (a *Roman* General, 1967 Years before) he offered himself a Sacrifice for the Safety of the Church and the Liberty of *Germany*, and fell valiantly fighting, that he might leave his Ar-

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my a glorious Victory and Triumph æternally above.

He lived Thirty Seven Years Forty Nine Weeks and One Day. This voluntary Death of the most serene King of *Sueden* is distant

From the Death of *Moses*, Leader of God's People,

3089 Years ;

From the Decease of *Jostah* that Religious King of *Judæa*, and sharp Enemy of the *Gentile* Superstition

2243 Years ;

From the Departure of *Alexander* the Great, the first Monarch in *Greece*,

1954 Years ;

From the Fall of *Judas Maccabeus*, who delivered the *Jews* from the *Gentiles*,

1788 Years ;

From the Burial of *Roger* Duke of *Antioch*, who fought many renowned Battles against the *Saracens* in the *Holy Land*,

543 Years ;

From the last Day of *JOHN ZISCA* that stout and constant Defender of the *Bohemian* and *Hussitical* Religion (who was succeeded by *Procopius Rasus*, a Warriour equally successful)

207 Years, 3 Weeks, 5 Days ;

From the dying Day of *Maurice* the Victorious Duke of *Saxony*, and valiant Chief of the *Septemvirate* of *Germany*,

79 Years, 5 Months, 3 Days.

This Glory of Kings and Princes (while he lived) was a very diligent Reader of the Holy Scriptures, a constant Defender of the *Evangelical* Religion, the Protector of the Churches and Schools, the Restorer of the Common-wealth;



wealth, the Haven of the Afflicted, and the Reliever of Supplicants; skilful in some of the Tongues, of a lively Memory, eminent in the Cardinal Vertues, kind in his Largeſſes and quick in Diſpatch, always a Deſpiſer of Death, and the glorious Conqueror of his Enemies. The Strength of his Soldiers; very much to be commended, in that after the Example of *Severus* the *Emperor*, he made it his chief Buſineſs to preſerve the ſevere Exerciſe of Military Diſcipline, commanded they ſhould plunder Nobody, but that they ſhould be contented with their own Allowance, would have them ſubſiſt, not upon the Tears of plundered Families, but upon the Spoil of the Enemy, and lodge their Pay in their Belts, not in an Ale-Houſe.

Thus he died in the Lord, after he valiantly and piously fell in the Cauſe of a juſt War, returned his Body to the Earth, and gained to himſelf immortal Glory, by his famous and prosperous Expeditions, and now enjoys a bleſſed Life above, and the Remembrance of the *Chriſtian* World.

*His MOTTO's were,*

*Cum DEO, et Victoricibus Armis, i. e.*

*With God and his Victorious Arms.*

*Gloria Altifſimo, ſuorum Refugio.*

*Glory to the moſt High, the Refuge of his People.*

Among

Among many others, *Daniel Cramerus*, Pastor and Professor of Divinity at *Stetin*, has dedicated this Funeral Poem to the immortal Glory of so great a King, and incomparable Hero.

*Aut SAXUM, aut etiam SAXO sim durior omni,  
Ni tantum HEROEM succubuisse fleam,  
GUSTAVUM Augustum cognomine ADOL-  
PHUM & Ἀδελφόν.*

*Teutonicæ Gentis, Christiadamque gregis.  
Succubuit Morti, non Marti. At VICTOR in  
Armis*

*Occumbens mediis ecce Trophæa refert.  
Immo etiam pugnat jam mortuus arma movendo  
Atque jacens vincit, statque cadendo simul.  
Nonne hoc mirandum est? devotâ et mente stupen-  
dum*

*Palma quod attollat pondere pressa caput?  
Sic est; miraculum Naturæ Rex erat: Auctor  
Naturæ hunc dederat, sancta Sarepta, tibi.  
O si novisses meliori Corde fruisçi  
Hocce bono, quam nunc deinde beata fores!  
Sed fata ostendêre virum, satis ostendisse est  
Quid possit SOLUS qui terit Arma DE-  
US.*

Another introduceth the King thus speaking in the *Europæan Tragædy* of this bloody Age.

*Occubui in bello pro Christi nomine gesto.  
Athleta ac Heros Magnanimusque Dei.  
Occubui non succubui Victricibus Armis  
Ecce triumpho mei Victor in Arma Dei!*

*Rex ubi jam Regum Capiti Diadema perenne  
 Justitiæ imponit, Regna valete Sôli.  
 Belliger Ansoniis quæ quando vindico ab Armis  
 Finio Rex Vitam, servo fidemque Deo.  
 Regalis pignus Thalami, tu Gnata, relicta  
 Dimidium, O animæ portio magna meæ!  
 Vive, vale, regnaque memor necis esto nefanda,  
 Armis Victricibus protege Jura Dei.  
 Hoc scio nascetur nostris ex Ossibus alter  
 Justæ qui Causæ strenuus Ultor erit.  
 Ipse JEHOVA mihi, cujus requiesco sub Arâ  
 Promittit Sæonum Gentem & ad Arma vocat.  
 Ferte citi Arma DUCES diræ BABYLONIS ad Urbem  
 Aufoniam, unanimes castra locate sua.  
 Nam DUCE Romuleos CHRISTO supe-  
 rabitis Hostes  
 Pulsaque reddetur RELIGIO Imperio.  
 Justitia optata populos tum Pace beabit,  
 Vos remanebit honos dignus in Axe Poli.*

He left a  
 laudable  
 Example  
 to Kings  
 and Prin-  
 ces.

These Exploits never to be sufficiently Cele-  
 brated, besides those which this most potent  
 Prince perform'd against the *Dane*, the *Czar*  
 of *Muscovy*, and the *King* of *Poland* in *Livonia*,  
*Lithuania* and *Prussia*, and the happy, triumphant  
 Laurels which he bore away from his Enemies  
 both in Life and in Death, I thought fit to pick  
 out of the Elogies of his Posthumous Fame, and  
 to give a List (as it were) of them in this place,  
 that Christian Kings and Princes may copy from  
 them, may learn to help the distress'd against  
 Tyrants and Murderers, and not busy them-  
 selves in oppressing the oppressed. As the Pro-  
 verb has it, Eagles don't catch Flies: So it  
 would be indecorous in an Elephant to pursue  
 a Mouse. By which Hieroglyphic those Prin-  
 ces were intended, who dare not fall upon their  
 match or equals, but fall upon their own  
 Subjects



Subjects and weak People, to their utter disgrace and lasting Ignominy. For as it is said of the Lyon ;

*Noblis ira Leonis  
Parcere subjectis & debellare superbos.*

So those Princes look very mean, who are Lyons in small things and Harts in great. Even a Fly has Choler. By which it is signified that the minutest Animals have their fowers and bitters. They are not to be despis'd therefore, because they can't do more than they have a will to do; and we have a pleasant, political Saying, that one should make a *Golden Bridge* for a desperate Army, only for them to pass it.

The King being slain, *Bannier* is by the *Bannier* made General of the Army : Crown of *Sueden* made General of the Army : And the *Protestants* in the Upper and Lower the *Suedish* Army, and the *Pro-* *testants* enter into a League. Circles, for a wholesome Example to be recommended to and imitated by all Posterity, bind themselves reciprocally by a League (the Arch-Chancellor *Oxenstern*, leading the Way) while the heat of the *Evangelics* was spent, and their mutual Grudges on the Account of Differences in Religion almost removed, and Means were not wanting in bringing Things to an entire Accommodation. But a new Pest began to break out and spread on that side, whence the *Protestants* might have expected their chief Security, Counsel and Assistance. And this from the *Electorate* of *Saxony*, heretofore the Mother of Religion. Where the Directory of the aforesaid Chancellor could not be digested, notwithstanding his Excellency had publickly and freely offered it that *Elect*or before ; when  
after

The memorable  
Words of  
the Saxon  
to Oxen-  
stern.

His separate  
Pacification  
with the  
Emperor.

after the King's Decease, he had a Conference with him upon the public Safety. At which Time the *Electör*, commending the Fidelity of the *Chancellor*, slipt his Neck out of the Collar with this memorable Saying. The King of *Sueden* has twice succoured me and my Provinces, and even sealed his Sincerity with his Royal Blood, a Benefit that I shall never forget ; but endeavour to shew my gratitude to the Crown of *Sueden* by all possible Means. Fine Words indeed ! But ill did that felonious, murderous Pacification of *Prague* agree with them. During the Convention at *Leipsick*, he was frequently sounding from the Chair, that of the Prophet *Isaiah*, Chap. XXXII. Ver. 8. *The Liberal deviseth liberal Things, and by liberal Things shall he stand.* Princes devise princely Things, and by princely Things will they stand. He ought to have reminded himself here of the Admonition, but the World acts as the World. Thus the *Saxon* forgetful of his own and the Public good, presently after the Battle of *Norlingen*, (where *Gustavus Horn* was taken Prisoner, and *Bernhard Duke of Weimar*, narrowly escaped) entered into a particular *Pacification* with the *Imperialists* ; during which Treaty, to the very Conclusion of it, he wrote to the Cities of the Empire, that he would confer with them upon every thing necessary ; when all the while he was only flattering and deceiving them with vain hopes, till in ten days Time they were all entrapped, the common Cause deserted by his Example, and the *Leipsian* Confederates, as well as Strangers thrown into the utmost Difficulties, against all the Assurances to the contrary. For from this Pacification thus forced upon the States  
of

of the Empire, have proceeded as from the *Trojan Horse*, the worst of Evils and pestiferous Injuries to the Christian Church and State. Of the Cheats and Catches of this *Pacification*, one may deservedly assert this : That as Satan, that inveterate Enemy to Mankind, transforming himself into an Angel of Light, could find no better way of deceiving our first Parents, than by the Pretense of doing them good, and then by decoying them from their true Liberty to fasten them with the accursed Chains of his Yoke ; so there remained no fitter way for the insatiable Ambition of the *Austrio-Spaniards* (who by their Tyranny and Rapines, all *Europe* in a Manner being wasted and lopped, have made themselves a Stink to their own People, and all the Nations round them) than under the sweet and universally beloved Name of Peace ; which they have banished the whole World almost, to impose upon all Mankind. For their Twin-Scheme was to subvert the FOUNDATIONS and BASIS of that GOLDEN LIBERTY of *GERMANY*, (*which consists in the mutual Union and good Correspondence of Protestants, as well at home as abroad*) and in outward Appearance to reduce all other Leagues, Unions and Confederacies to theirs, that the disarmed *Protestants* might accede to their *Spanish Austrian League*, and that the same compleatly strengthened with eighty Regiments, might be enabled not only to exact Sanguinary Contributions, to oppress and root out the impoverished and divided *Protestants* ; but after that to subjugate all States without Distinction, and having perfected their dominion in the Empire, to beat down by Force of Arms, all other Kings, Princes and Commonwealths,

The Cheats  
and Cat-  
ches of the  
*Pacifica-  
tion.*



wealths, if they would be so mad as to let them. This drift of theirs, as it was plain enough to Men of Penetration, had an intolerable Face to Men of Generosity ; but as it exceeded the present Strength of the *Austrio-Spaniards*, it was to be disguised with the painted Mask of a specious *Peace*. A *Peace*, I say, which has as much *Peace*, Justice, Candour, Christian Charity, Piety and Probity, as the Ocean has Sweetness, or the wicked one himself has saving Light and Rest : Of which one may truly complain ; That none of any Religion, State or Condition whatsoever could acquiesce in it ; unless he would call down the divine Vengeance upon him, offend that Church, whose Communion he professeth, desert that Civil Society (be what it will) of which he is a Member, foul and fear his Conscience with an indelible Stain and a stigmatizing Caustery, and at length wilfully expose himself and all about him to inextricable dangers, and tamely submit to the Yoke of the *Austrio-Spaniards*.

God after  
the Defec-  
tion of the  
*Saxon*, is  
not want-  
ing to his  
Cause.

After this Corruption and Revolt of the *Saxon* from his Allies, God however was not wanting to his Cause. For in one Place he so blessed the *Suedish* Arms, that the Forces of the *Emperor* were quite broke at the defeat at *Wisslocke* ; in another, they bravely defended themselves in *Lorain* ; in a third, the *Landgrave's* Army, saved their own Towns, and took the Enemies. The *Suedish* Army, pressed by a new Calamity ; namely, want of provision, from the powerful Conjunction of the *Imperialists*, *Saxons*, *Brandenburghers* and *Darmstadtines*, marched towards the *Baltic* Shore. A Stratagem as useful as necessary. For here they had seasonable and sufficient Supply of Pro-  
vision

vision at command. On the other Hand, the Army of the *Leaguers* all along *Pomerania*, and the neighbouring Places, dwindles away through Famine, and the Want of all Necessaries: So that *Bannier* the *Suedish* General, like another *Fabius*, recovered the Condition of the *Confederates* by mere delay. To these the Divine Goodness added two other Victories; one by the same General, the other by the Duke of *Weimar*. Add to this, the powerful Assistance of the King of *France*, who supported and strengthened the State of the Allies in an Undertaking no less commendable than necessary. While the League therefore is contending with their two more potent Enemies, the *Landgrave's* Forces are refreshed with convenient Rest, and the universal Triumph which the *Austrian* promised themselves from the *Prague* pacification for the States of the Empire, vanished into Smoak.

Nevertheless, *Ferdinand* the second, that old Supplanter of the *German* Liberty, as if he valued not his Enemies, or made nothing of the Overthrows he and the *Leaguers* had sustained in Pursuance to the *Pragmatic* Sanction of *Prague*; which was so drawn up that he might blind the World by the specious Bubbles of Right and Law, and so do what he pleased; obtrudes his Son, *Ferdinand* the Third, upon the States of the Empire, the Diet at *Ratisbone* being armed, lest any one should contradict. Where all things were not transacted exactly conformable to the prescript of *Charles's* Law: For if that Election be brought to Examination, it will appear as clear as the Sun at Noon, that it was not legal either as to the efficient or the final Cause, nor in the Mate-

*Ferdinand*  
the Second  
imposes  
his Son  
*Ferdinand*  
the Third  
upon the  
States of  
the Em-  
pire, con-  
trary to the  
Golden Bull  
of *Charles*  
the Fourth.

rial or Formal. As to the efficient Cause, it is notorious from the State of the Electoral College at that Time; for the lawful Heir of the *Palatinate*, was deprived of his Stall, and he of *Triers* kept prisoner (the *Bavarian* being put into the room of the former, by a new *Austrian* Creation) which they both protested against: The rest were corrupted by Bribes. As to the final Cause, the Defense of the *Germanic* Liberties, the supreme Law of the Empire, was neglected and openly sold to the House of *Austria*. The Material is, that *Ferdinand* the Third, no less public an Oppressor of Liberty than his Father, or formidable merely by that Name, would abate nothing of his Father's wicked Innovations in *Hungary*, *Bohemia* and the *Empire* itself. Hence new Commotions were to be feared every Hour, all which would have been avoided, if the *Electors* had stuck to their Duty, at the Death of *Ferdinand* the Second, had either conferred the Imperial Dignity upon a more pacific Family, or for establishing a Peace upon equal Conditions both at home and abroad; had by dint of Law reclaimed this new *Ferdinand*, from his irregular Course in every Action to the constant Observation of the Laws. The formal Cause is, the Rule of the *Caroline* Law, which was in many Instances violated. Here therefore I must contemplate the Greatness (not of the *Electoral College*, but) of the House of *Austria*, which has seduced to it self as many Kings as Electors. Go now ye *Germans*, and henceforward call the *Spaniard* a King of Asses, of Slaves: Presently a *Spanish* Embassadour will reply, as he publicly boasted at *Ratisbone*; That his King has maintained three

Electors



Electors there, and fed them among his Cattle ; nay, further, that to this Day his King governs *Ferdinand*, King of Kings ; and that by his Mediation, he can at Will make or unmake Electors, by whom *Ferdinand* himself was made. They were indeed Golden and Prophetical Words, that the Elector of *Mentz* publickly spake at the Election of *Charles the Fifth*. That when the Spaniards had once got the Empire, they would scarce ever restore it to its Liberty. Ah ! where is fled the Vigilance of the Electors, the Liberty of *Germany*, the anti-ent Majesty of the Empire. How contrary to the fundamental Laws of the Empire has *Ferdinand* the Third been designed and inaugurated King, the Emperor still living, the Imperial Throne not yet vacant.

Thus *Ferdinand* the Second, having done every thing according to his Will and insatiable Pleasure ; then stripped the whole Empire, and filled all the Corners of *Germany* with Robberies and the Abomination of Desolation, was taken from hence and went to his Place, leaving every thing in a very turbulent Condition to his Son. And as much unlike the Father was to *Solomon*, so much was the Son heavier than *Rehoboam* ; the one dreaded for his Rods, the other for his Scorpions. And yet it is amazing to see what happy Days and golden Mountains *Germany* promises her self from *Ferdinand* the Third. *Germany*, whose very Soul is held in Chains, and waiting its last Sacrifice ; who after all her Experiences since the Death of *RUDOLPH* the Second, doth not begin to grow wise yet. O my Country ! to what Time, to what Manners hast thou reserved us, with whom there is scarce room for a Remedy :

The *Saxon* but a mere respu[n] of our mad Distemper ! Espe-  
 at the cially the with *Saxon* of whom the *Papists* write,  
 Treaty of that he has neither Brains nor Courage ; and  
*Prague* lef- the *Spaniards* bring him upon the Stage thus  
 fensthe E- wrapped up in a Handkerchief.  
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 Præmi-  
 nency.

*Præstita Ferd'nando jactent benefacta secundo  
 Germani Proceres, Bavarixque Duces :  
 Sunt tamen inferiora meis ; sint qualia nostra  
 Non opus est verbis : facta sed ipsa probant.  
 At nunc pro meritis fertur mala gratia tantis  
 Quod feci bene, nunc cedit in opprobrium.  
 Respectus nostri non amplius ullius habetur  
 Cingimur hinc odiis, inde recessit Amor.  
 Quid prodest gessisse pium pro Cæsare bellum  
 Illius & partes quid tenuisse juvat ?  
 Si quoque nam reliqui subiêrunt, cogar eandem  
 Infelix sortem sorte subire pari ?  
 Indulsi falsis nimium, nimiumque querelis,  
 Delusus vanâ crudelitate fui.  
 Nil me movêrunt aliena pericula cæcis  
 Consiliis nocui, tam mihi, quam sociis.  
 Nunc me gliscentis tangunt contagia cladis,  
 Heu patior telis vulnera facta meis.  
 Quid faciam ? num bella geram nunc, numve qui-  
 escam ?  
 Certa est utrovis nostra ruina modo.*

For he in the *Bohemian War* stood up for *Fer-  
 dinand* to the utter Subversion of the *Bohemia*  
 and *Imperial* liberty, against his Fellow Compani-  
 ons in the same Faith, acting as the *Austrian's*  
 Commissary to the Diminution of the Electoral  
 Præminence ; at length he concludes a Treaty at  
*Prague* with *Ferdinand* the common Enemy,  
 whom (with the Army of the *Leaguers*) at the  
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Convention at *Leipsick*, he had credited with the Titles of Plunderers and Robbers; invited others to unite their Arms against that public Enemy, confirm'd all that pass'd at *Leipsic* with both Hands, subscrib'd and ratify'd it with his Seal, and, after the manner of Princes, gave it the Sanction of an Oath by the holy Name of God. Of all which fatally forgetful, he nefariously became a Truce-breaker, perfidious and perjurd, and by that *Pacification* threw a horrid contempt upon the Divine Authority. For according to this *Pacification*, all kinds of Protestants whatsoever who refus'd to take the Oath within 10 Days, together with all their adherents, are expos'd to the point of the Enemies Sword, the Communion of Saints, the very Nerves and cement of Christianity is removed from the middle of them; all Religion is suspended by the cruel Law of Arms; all *Christendom* fill'd with a fresh Deluge of War, and unknown thousands of poor innocents given up to the Sword; Fire, Famine and Death, at the *Rhine*, the *Main*, the *Embs*, the *Weser*, the *Elbe*, the *Vidrus* and the *Danube*. And who can recount the innumerable Miseries and butcherly Slaughters at *Prague*? Such *pacific Heroes* mightily deserv'd to be number'd indeed among the Members of the Church, to use and enjoy her Privileges and bear the Name of Christians. Would to God the *Elector* of *Saxony* had trodden in the Steps of his virtuous Ancestors; other had been the face of *Bohemia*, other the face of *Magdeburgh*; other the face of the *Empire*; consequently other the Face of all *Christendom* in *Europe*.

But just is the Lord, just are his Judgments, Provokes who never suffers breaches of Leagues, Perjuries, the abuse of his most holy Name, and other vengeances  
such

He commits a perjurious sacrifice.



The Empe-  
peror unc-  
qual to the  
Strength  
of his E-  
nemies.

such flagrant Impieties to go unpunished, having already stretch'd out his mighty Arm from divers Parts of the World against those Dictators and Giants of the *Prague Pacification* (or rather Sacrifice) and broken the Counsels and tumultuous Devices of the Tyrants. For ever since that *Treaty*, the Territories of the *Saxon* stand so expos'd to continual Depredations and free Plunder from the Army of the *League* on one side, and the *Suedes* on the other, that with all his Adherents and *Neutralists*, he knows not which way to turn himself. The *Emperor* himself can't resist their Forces, who have twice invaded the Kingdom and incorporated Provinces of *Bohemia*. Where among other, Monuments of God's Power and just Judgment, in no wise is to be pass'd by in Silence, that remarkable overthrow of the *Imperial* and *Leaguers* Army the 24th of *February* of the last Year 1645. by the *Suedish* Forces at the City of *Tabor* in the same Kingdom of *Bohemia*, where a happy Victory was carried away from the Enemies of God and his Church and the Plunderers and Ravagers of the Christian Republic. In that very same place in which two Ages before *JOHN ZISCA*, Knight of *Troppaw* and the Cup, *Professor* and *Defender* of the Truth, first swept away the filth of the Papists, having engag'd their Armies no less than eleven times, and always came off victorious. In that same Province, in which the House of *Austria* had been for above two Ages laying in wait for the true Religion and antient Liberty of the *Bohemians*. And in this Age *Ferdinand II.* the Father, has taken away both of them, and forc'd an immense multitude of People into miserable Banishment; that so *Ferdinand III.* the Son, might receive the just Reward of his own  
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and his Father's Reign, and Fear and Dread the powerful Hand of God. On the Borders of *Moravia* they took in the City *Glogaw* (the fourth City of that Marquisate) as also *Olmitz* the first in that Province; which they had besieged four Years before. And not stopping there, they have pitched their Camp before *Krems* in *Austria* (the Emperor's hereditary Arch-Dutchy) by the *Danube*, and took it, and made themselves formidable even to *Vienna* itself, the *Metropolis* and *Imperial* Seat of the *Austrian* House. The *French* too are not idle, but valiantly oppose the Enemy, and often come off victorious in so good a Cause. And notwithstanding the *Spaniard*, the *Emperor*, the Kings of *Poland* and *Denmark*, and the great *Duke* of *Muscovy* and others have secretly conspired to drive the *Suedes* and their Confederates out of the *Empire*; yet their Tricks being detected, the *French* maintain what they are in Possession of with an unwearied Vigilance, according to the *Poet*,

The Conspiracy against the French and Suedes detected.

*Non minor est virtus quam quærere, parta tueri.*

The *Suedes* to secure themselves and their Country, have prevented the Designs of the *Dane*, (who has enough on his Hands at Home, to divert him from troubling himself with Foreign Affairs) have display'd their Banners intrepidly in his own Dominions both by Sea and Land, proceeded with good Success, and obliged the almost conquered King to accept a Peace upon honest Conditions. And perhaps the *Polander* in a short Time may hear the *Northern Lion*, roaring in his Kingdom and tremble.

'Tis better to prevent than to be prevented.

And

And no Wonder, The *Pope* who is the Author and Actor of this *Tragi-Comedy*, together with his first begotten Son the *Spaniard*, are sufficiently perplexed both at home and abroad. To the one the *Venetians*, and other Princes of *Italy* often oppose themselves. To the other the right Heir will not very easily restore the Kingdom of *Portugal*. In *America*, through the universal Trafficking Genius of the *Hollanders*, their Affairs hang but upon a slender Thread. In *Asia* he has not every thing so sure and fixed. 'Tis to be feared, that he who would be the Devourer and greedy Swallower of all, may one Day eternally be exposed to all for an Abomination and an Ignominy. After the Example of *Italy*, who could once command all Nations, and now is forced to serve all. Thus are human Affairs directed by a reciprocal Turn of Fortune. Thus do Empires rise up to fall; thus rise to set. But to say all, it is God the most righteous Judge, who establisheth and unestablisheth Kings and Kingdoms.

The *Hispanizer* three Times attempt the Extermination of *Britain*, but without success  
1. By a stupendous Fleet.

Here I cannot sufficiently admire the bestial Fury of the *Pope*, the *Spaniard* and their bloody Counsellors, who within the Space of half an Age have thrice shot their swift Arrows at the *Britons* (though divided from the rest of the World) with the utmost Vehemence. First those Inventors of Thousands of Frauds, (in order to subject *Great Britain* to the Yoke of the *Pope* and *Spaniard*, and to compass so nefarious a Purpose,) in the Year 1588, the Reign of the most serene Queen *ELIZABETH*, fit out a formidable and sumptuous *SPANISH ARMADA*, though barren and unsuccessful. Which nevertheless almost reached the *English* Coast and Ports. But the Event is very remarkable, that



that out of 155 Ships extremely well fitted out, scarce 40 should return to *Spain*. And the *Jesuit Creswell*, alias *Andreas Philopater* in his Answer to the *Queen of England*, p. 139. confesseth, that the disappointment of that War came to pass by the will of God, as also that the Causes of that defeat were the inclemency of the Air, their unacquaintedness with those Seas, and perhaps the negligence or unskilfulness of some Men. And that it might be the will of God to spare the Barren Tree of *England* yet three Gospel Years longer, to see whether it would bring forth better fruit before it were cut down.

Secondly, Because from that time to the second Year of King JAMES, the *Jesuits* could not gather their wish'd for Fruit in *England*, but were prevented by the will of the same good and gracious God, at length there conspir'd three *Jesuits*, Henry Garnet Provincial, Oswald Tesmond and John Gerard, with some Men of distinction of that Faction, Anno 1605. the fifth of November, to destroy and BLOW UP in one Moment, the King himself, his Family and the three Estates of the Realm assembled in Parliament at *Westminster*, by laying under the House and setting Fire to a quantity of GUN-POWDER; as appears from Garnets's Papers publish'd at London, and the King of Great Britain's Proclamation 15th January 1606, which expressly says; That if three *Jesuits* were the AUTHORS and CONTRIVERS of that traiterous Imagination. Also that they were the principal ABETTERS. And the *Jesuits* a long time gave out and publicly insisted on it, that they would never desist from their purpose, though their Conspiracies were Detected and Punished; I WOULD HAVE YOU KNOW

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II. By Gun-pow-der.

(says the *Jesuit Campion* and his Fellows in a Disputation concerning the *Catholic Church*, p. 22. Printed at *Triers* 1583.) in respect to our Society, that ALL OF US, all the World over, (whose Succession is continual and Number great,) have enter'd into the HOLY LEAGUE, NOR AS LONG AS ONE OF US SHALL BE LEFT ALIVE, shall we suspend our Endeavours and Consultations for your *Salvation*, that is, the subversion of your Religion and Government. The Measures are concerted already and the Lists enter'd, no force, no struggle of the *English*, shall defeat them.

3. By turning a very flourishing Kingdom into a bloody Tragedy.

From which restless Holes (3dly) these common Disturbers have crept upon the *Theatre* of *Great Britain*, and under the Cover of a new Church Liturgy, have found out the luckiest Way imaginable, of changing the golden Tranquility of the most flourishing *State* in the World into a bloody *Tragedy*. Those *Spanish* Tools saw that Religion was the fittest Matter for *Civil Dissention*. Sometimes this, sometimes the other Innovation was imposed contrary to the Simplicity of the *Christian* Religion : Then Oyl was daily to be poured upon the kindling Fire. The State of the Controversy was to be changed : The Defense of the Truth was to be branded with the Name of REBELLION : The ROYAL PREROGATIVE must be given out to be in Danger, that the King being busied at Home, might be diverted from all Attention to the Affairs of the Empire, and the *Protestant* League. Alas ! Too well we know that the Inhabitants of the *British* Islands, (most horrible to speak it !) Partakers of the same Faith, are, to the Heart's Desire of these their

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Enemies, set one against another ; and that their Blood through Civil War and mutual Wounds is flowing, gushing out in direful Wast. When the King by the Stings of Nature, the Love of his Country, the Unity of Faith and Example of the neighbouring Princes, ought to have been excited before to the burying of those unnecessary Contentions at Home, and have given his friendly Hand and Assistance to the common Undertaking of the *Protestant* Confederates ; and this, lest the *Spanish* Faction, as soon as ever it prevailed, should play the same Game in his *Kingdom*, which they have been assiduously carrying on above these Twenty-five Years together in the *Roman Empire*, in the *Hereditary Countries*, and other *Principalities* and *Lordships* of the *Christian* World. \* But here too, let us acquiesce in the hidden Ways and Judgments of God ! Since still we see his singular Goodness and Providence shine in *Scotland*, *England* and elsewhere. For the Kindness of the *divine Being* has twice prospered the *Scottish* Forces, and dispelled the Danger that threatned them. The great Assembly of the Parliament of *England* have seasonably vindicated the Innocence of their Brethren, and under the divine Conduct united the Kingdoms, which the Factious would have divided. Hence the *Scots* Nation and Church entered into a Covenant with the *English* Nation and Church. Besides which, by Authority of the same Parliament was conve-

\* See the Letters from the Assembly of Divines in *England*, to the Foreign Reformed Churches, dated at *Westminster*, *January* the 15th, 1644.



ned an Assembly of Divines (and others whom the General Assembly of the Church delegated from *Scotland*) for restoring the Church of God by proper Counsels, and for the Preservation of the Purity of Religion. These chose to have in their View, the HOLY SCRIPTURES for a Rule, and (next to the Glory of God) as strict an Union, and as uniform a Worship, (as possible) in these three Kingdoms, with the best reformed Churches. Moreover, the honourable Members of both Houses of Parliament, when they saw in this disordered State of Things, the Temper of his most serene Majesty very much irritated by his Enemies, they laboured (and are still labouring Day and Night) indefatigably, by their wholesom Counsels and just Arms in their lawful Defense, to rescue his Majesty out of their wicked Hands, to provide in the best Manner for the Purity of the Church, to transmit to Posterity the Antient Liberty of their Country (as things were come to an Extremity) and to inflict condign Punishment upon the Betrayers and Destroyers of it. How the Fortune of War has determind these things, all know, since the King himself is come into the *Scot's* Camp, and has left his Evil Counsellors. And here I think this one thing at least may be added, that the *English* and *Scots* are marked at *Rome* with the same Coal that the *Bohemians* and *Palatines* were, that they stand in the same common Cause and Front of Battle with them: entangled by the same Devices of Satan, while under Pretense of *Rebellion*, they are rendred Odious to the whole World, and (as the others) would have been subdued, had they not behaved with greater Fortitude and Con-

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fancy than they did. And now no good Man doubts, but God will put into their Hearts, what is to be done for the present Age, and for Posterity. Cardinal *Caraffa*, the Pope's Legate, shews in his *Commentaries* on holy (that is, reformed) *Germany*, in the Thirteenth, and following Pages; that from the Trouble in *England*, under *Henry VIII.* (when *Charles V.* had almost conquered *Germany*, and was just upon the Point of ruining the *Protestants* and restoring *Popery*) the *Protestant* Princes took the Courage to oppose that Emperor and his Brother, *Ferdinand I.* and so restored the Liberty of their Religion and Country. Would to God, the like Event may attend these modern Commotions; that a true and lasting Peace once happily established at Home, this Nation might give fresh Courage to those who are now doubtfully fighting for their Liberties, come into the Assistance of the oppressed and ruined, take Revenge upon their Oppressors and Plunderers, spread the Glory of the Nation thro' the whole World, render it illustrious, and give Comfort to all *Christendom*, especially to those that are Exiles for the Sake of Christ. May God strengthen what he has begun to work in us. Many who are banished their native Air and Soil, and are hated of the World, would to this Day freely suffer Death, were the Endeavours of the Pious to succeed; the Worshipers of the Beast, and the Champions of *Anti-Christ* brought to Shame, and at last to see their total Destruction.

Lastly, let us return again to *Germany*, whose *Popish* Leaguers, after the Reduction of the Kingdom of *Bohemia* and the *Palatinate*, have trampled upon their Liberties, and wasted their  
Strength

Strength in a horrible Manner, as 'tis Notorious to this habitable World for above these twenty Years past. Those who are soon to obtain the full Execution of the Council of *Trent*, will give up the Empire to the insatiable Lust of the *Spaniards*. These will recal *Apostasy*, *Idolatry*, *Tyranny* from Hell it self, and especially finish the Persecution of the pious Martyrs (if *Germany* hath any such left) and as Executioners themselves be pleasant Spectators of the butcherly Slaughter, which lamentable *Catastrophe*, would not be far from the Necks of the *Germans*, had not God a remnant left of *French*, *Suedes* and some few *Hessians* in the *Empire*, who oppose themselves to those *Giants*, beat down the Horns of the *Prague Aëdon*, and support the weight of so heavy a War even to weariedness and nauseousness, none refreshing, none assisting them. Which Defenders of Liberty and Champions appointed by God, the *Neutralists* or *Coadjutors* of the *Spanish Austrian* League are calling *Rebels* and *ambitious*, and like unjust Judges condemning them unheard: While they themselves are become impious towards God, ungrateful to their Benefactor, and load the afflicted with fresh Calamities; justify the outrageous Acts of Tyrants and Persecutors, make themselves *Anti-Christian* partakers of so much Blood, of so many Abominations, and the just Punishment attending them; sharpen the Swords of the Enemy, render those *Evangelicals* (whom they have enlisted for the Beast) more obstinate, against their Conscience, their Country, their Brethren, and against *Christ* himself, and so heap up the Wrath of God against the Day of Judgment, which they ought to have lessened by Repentance during these long Wars and many other Calamities.



mities. For now remain some Questions to be considered by these *Coadjutors* of the *Papists*.

Since *Ferdinand* absolutely commands all his Subjects to renounce the *Evangelical* Religion and to embrace the *Popish*, and requires many things against God and his Holy Word, whether his Subjects ought to obey him rather than God?

Questions  
to be ru-  
minated  
by the  
*Coadjutors*  
of the  
*Papists*.  
I.

Are those Rebels who resolve to obey God rather than Man, to give to *God* the things that are *God's*, and to *Cæsar* the things that are *Cæsar's*?

II.

Whether those who do a thing according to Custom and the tenor of their Privileges, which may displease the Magistrate (who ought and has promis'd by Oath to defend those Privileges, yet has forgot his Oath and the Conditions of Obedience) ought to be called Rebels.

III.

Whether or no a subordinate Magistracy, such as were the Defenders and States in *Bohemia*: As the Princes, Electors, the Senates of free Cities are in *Germany*, and the *Parliaments* in *France* and *England*, &c. may lawfully repel by force the unjust violence of the superior Magistrate limited by Conditions, or lawfully resist him according to their IMMUNITIES and PRIVILEGES? And whether that be the Crime of Rebellion?

IV.

Since God now chiefly deals with his Church in an ordinary way, and besides Pastors, has given her Magistrates, Princes, Kings and divers Nurses, whether they ought not to defend the Evangelical Church of God by force of Arms against extreme violence? Whether they are to give that and themselves up to the Lust of the Enemy? When the *Papists* themselves upon this very Foundation pretend they take up Arms for the Church.

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VI. Whether they do not worse, and are rather to be call'd the Rebels, who for the sake of enlarging their Sect, furiously War against God and his Church to the extinguishing the Light of the Truth? They who most unjustly traduce all Protestants without distinction, whether Heretics, or Calvinists, or whether they be for or no, that they may the more safely blot them out. These *Postulata* granted; They are to be called the Rebels, who abusing the Name and Authority of Princes, and perfidiously violating all manner of Right, persecute the Church, endeavour to extinguish the Light of the Gospel, and like the Giants furiously wage War with God himself.

In these Questions is the Decision; here let Railers and false Neutralists insult as much as they will. Here, where the whole Hinge of the Affair turns, and where the Justice of each side plainly appears. Yet the *Papists* abate not the least Title of their Pretensions and Cruelties, but encrease them more and more: Those on our side judge that they have acted in Defense of the Evangelical Church, their just Rights; of themselves, and oppress'd innocents, nor do they think that they have receiv'd the Means from God in vain: Hence this long, intestine War is waged and continued among Christians, by the Malice of the *Papists*, the Stupidity of the Neutralists, and the good Conscience of the Confederates. By which *Bohemia* is fraudently enslav'd, *Germany* cruelly wasted, *England* villainously involv'd in Civil Wars, and all *Europe* turn'd upside down.

This is the Account of the *Origin* of this most pernicious War too strong for any exceptions of the *Jesuits*, pretences of the *Leaguers*,  
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contradictions of the Enemy, Scrupulosities of the *Neutralists*, or Subtleties of Court-Parasites to refute or subvert, which the many Apologetical Writings of the guilty, the constancy of the Martyrs at their Execution, and Experience it self confirms more and more every Day.

Hence we may gather into some Order the true and genuine *Causes* of this bloody War.

A Recapitulation of the *Causes* of this Civil War. The hatred of Satan and *Anti-Christ*.

I. The first Cause is the hatred of Satan and *Anti-Christ* towards *Christ* and his Church, which is the common Rife and touchwood of almost all Wars, especially of those that befall the Church. For the Dragon Satan hath deliver'd his Power to the beast *Anti-Christ*, to fight with the Saints. And if ever, it certainly must be now that that Man of Sin and Son of Perdition is revealed.

II. The shameful Ambition of the *Roman Pontiff* who claiming a sham Superiority and Domination over the Kingdoms of the whole World, like that tempter of *Christ*, and aiming to subdue them to himself by knavish Arts, Administers to all Nations Matter of Suspensions and Wars. The *Bohemians* denied his Superiority over their Kingdom and King: He condemns them as Rebels, and blows up a War, that he might get the Kingdom for himself and profess'd Vassals.

The Ambition of the Pope.

III. The revenge of *Anti-Christ* upon the *Bohemians* for their *Hussite* Wars, whose Wounds lay deep in his remembrance with grievous Pain. For because they check'd his Arrogance, and gave the *Germans* an Example to shake off his damnable Yoke, he attempted either totally to subdue them to himself, or from a thirst of revenge to extirpate them, after which he had

The revenge of the *Bohemians*.



long been breathing out Wars and seeking occasions.

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rish Front  
of the Pope. IV. The most impudent Strumpet Front of the *Pope*, who is now detected and known by Believers to be the *Anti-Christ*, and therefore in Modesty should have hid himself at Home, and avoided the sight of Christians. Notwithstanding which he has the Assurance to appear in public, and instead of the Church, Whore-like, to let himself for the honest Spouse of Christ, nay, to impose his *Darling Vassals*, *sworn Monks* and *Idolatries* for all *Magistrates*, *Teachers* and *Religions*, to court the Assistance of all, to prostitute himself to all *Kings*, to drink to them out of his Cup which is full of abominations and the uncleanness of Fornication, that is, of his Idolatrous Superstitions, and to invite them to Whoredoms with him. In which Address he was so importunate to the *Bohemians*, so long forc'd upon them his Creatures for their lawful Magistrates, and just like a Whore, defam'd the honest *Protestants* with scandalous Lies, that he was forc'd to bear a repulse and their just Indignation, the Pain of which provok'd him to a War.

The violent Execution of the Council of Trent

V. The violent Execution of the Council of *Trent*, in which the *Papists* with the *Jesuits* condemn the Protestant Religion for *Heretical*, absolve the Pope and themselves, make their Traditions of equal Authority with the Scriptures, falsely impose all their Errors and Idolatries for holy, apostolical Constitutions, blasphemously anathematize the Word of God, and the Doctrine of the Gospel, concerning Justification by Faith, the Certainty of Salvation and other Articles of Faith. All which things

as they are horribly *Anti-Christian*, and therefore no *Christian* will receive them, the Pope calls upon the secular Arm, solicites the Emperor, the *Spaniard* and the rest of his Vassals, to oblige all Orders and Degrees of *Protestant* Princes and People by force of Arms to support that Council; that is, to detest the *Protestant* Religion, and embrace the *Popish* Superstition; or else *nolens, volens* to force them to it, or root them out. Which Tyranny, or Execution of the Council of *Trent*, when they would have exercised in *Bohemia*, they stirred up this War. When Christ and his Apostles, and the Fathers of the Primitive Church, never raised their Church by such Severities and Wars, so that *Anti-Christ*, like a Rat, has betrayed himself by his own Noise.

VI. The pestilent Curiosity of the *Roman* Bishop, and his Suffragans, by which laying aside his Episcopal Function, he appropriates every thing to himself, appoints Kings and Magistrates for all the Kingdoms of the World, crowns whom he pleases, disposes of hereditary Titles and Kingdoms, dethrones those whom he or his Creatures have not anointed or approved of, declares them illegitimate, proscribes them to ruin, and thus sows Disturbances and Wars. What Christ would never do; that is, never dispose of the least Bit of worldly Possession; this *Anti-Christ* has presumed to do, and as he reigns Lord *Paramount* over the Kingdoms of the World, he gives them to whom he will, and more *Babylonish* than *Nebuchadnezzar*, has yet made no Acknowledgment of that which he has arrogated to himself. Thus he has presumed to obtrude upon the *Bohemians* Kings of

The Curiosity of the Bishop of Rome.

his own Religion, and to crown them by the Arch Bishop of *Prague*, judging these only legitimate. When the *Bohemians* by Vertue of their Privileges and the Liberty of their Country, chose themselves a King, that did not please him, he presently laboured to frustrate this legal Act, to ruin that King, and set up a Creature of his own in his Room, officiously intruding himself into the Affair, and making himself the Author of this War.

The Apo-  
stacy of  
the Pope.

VII. The damnable Apostasy of the *Pope* and his Followers from that Faith and Simplicity which is in Christ, from the Foot-steps of the Primitive Church. Hence he fell as a Star from Heaven, and became the *Apollyon* or King of many Locusts. And though he still calls himself the Bishop of Bishops, the Catholic Church, the Vicar of Christ; yet he has nothing of the Resemblance, nothing of the Humility of Christ the APOSTOLICAL BISHOP, and the primitive CATHOLICK CHURCH, but all that is contrary and proud, all that is pompous and radiant, with Gold, Jewels and Ceremonies and Superstitions. Again, as Satan after his Revolt with the Angels, became the most implacable and fierce Enemy to God and his Saints (as every Apostate is Persecutor of his own Order) so the *Pope* cannot but be an Enemy to Christ and his Church, which he persecutes many Ways, endeavouring to rob her of her Christian Liberty, and to entangle her with the Yoke of his Traditions. The *Eastern, Greek* and other Churches, because they have refused his Yoke, he has by Treachery and Desertion exposed to the Lust of the *Turks*. By taking away the Cup of the Blood  
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of Christ, and consequently the *New Testament*, from the *Eastern Churches*, by a monstrous Sacrilege, and imposing the Yoke of his Traditions ; he has most scandalously, like *Jeroboam* in the Church of *Israel*, brought about this horrid Schism. So that *Christians* are now variously distinguished ; the one part called *Evangelics* or *Protestants*, the other *Catholics* or *Papists* ; which last having thrown aside all *Charity*, persecute the others with Hatred and Wars. Hence this War in *Bohemia* properly took its rise.

VIII. The introducing of the Sect of the *Jesuits* and their pestiferous Doctrine. These endeavour to evince (which the Monks and School-Doctors never could do) that the Pope do what he will, be what he will, is not *Anti-Christ* ; but the Christ of God, the Vicar of Christ, *Peter's* Successour, the only High-Priest, the Head of the Church, the true Shepherd, the most Holy FATHER, and his Faction the only true *Catholic Church* : And therefore, that he must be adhered to. Further, they perfectly rave that the *Protestants* have unlawfully separated from her Communion, that as Schismatics and Heretics they are to be extirpated by Force of Arms, or to be crushed. For by such importunate, turbulent and lying Croakings, these impure Spirits, bewitch the Minds not of Youth only, but even of Kings and of Princes, more and more inflame the Hatred of the disaffected ; and thus become the Trumpets and Torches of Wars. Which they have very successfully effected to the blowing up this War in *Bohemia*.

The introducing of the *Jesuitical* Sect.

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IX. The too improvident Reception and Acceptation of the fallacious Discipline and most turbulent Counsels of the *Jesuits* in Courts and Provinces. Hence when that Sect (which at the Beginning was circumscribed within narrow Bounds, limited to a small Number) ought to have been shut up and lurking in *Spain* only. On a sudden, as the spreading Smoak of an Abyss, it passed over many Regions and Kingdoms, and so blinded and offuscated the Eyes of the Simple, that many thought that the *Christian* Youth could be instructed by none better than by the *Jesuits* and their Companions. Moreover, Princes, Barons, Counts, Nobles and Commoners, thought it very much worth their while to commit their Youth to the Education of these *Jesuits*. And further, Kings and Princes, neglecting their antient and most faithful Counsellors, moderate Politicians, and peaceable Preachers, tenacious of the Truth, admit the *Jesuits* only, or those instructed by them, to their Counsels, Deliberations and Sermons, and delight in their Company. These by various Arts of Hypocrisy insinuate themselves into their Favour, and easily possess their Minds with what they please, recommend the *Pope* and themselves, render the *Protestants* odious, sharpen their preconceived Hatred to them, and their Swords to the Shedding of *Christian* Blood, and thus they gather all the Kings of the World together, to the Battle of that great Day of the Almighty God. In *Bohemia* 'tis certain, that when they had no *Jesuits*, or as long as they were forced to shut themselves up in their Cloysters, or were not allowed by the Emperor *RUDOLPH* to appear

in Public at all; the rest of the Popish Priests could not Spirit up a War. But when some of the BARONS committed their Sons to their Tuition, and the Emperor MATHIAS with FERDINAND despised the *Protestant* Counsellors, and took *Jesuits* and *Jesuitical* People into their Bosom, and were ruled by their Counsels; then this War began.

X. The Pride and Insolence of the *Spanish Austrians*, who plunged in the Sepulchre of the *Jesuits*, or rocked as Mother's Brats in the Cradle of the *Popish* Church, dream that they are the only *Christian* Men, that they only are worthy to be made Kings, and to Lord it over the whole World. Thus they highly imagine, that they alone are to preside over the *Christian* Affairs, most impiously aspiring after a new sort of Monarchy, which neither the Prophets have foretold, nor is it known whether God would have it now set up; which yet they endeavour to erect upon the oppressed Liberty and Privileges of all Families, Kings, Princes and Nations, and especially by extinguishing the Light of the Gospel, for the Sake and Defense of the *Pope* and his Synagogue and Faction. And all this, that they alone may continue Kings, Emperors and Monarchs, may depress all others with Slavery, inflict the most cruel Pains upon *Protestants* as *Heretics*, and totally extirpate them, while they are lustfully tyrannizing without controul: That they may Honour the *Pope*, whose choice Sons they are, as a most indulgent Father, and make him the one Pastor of the one Sheep-fold, in which they behave themselves so like meek and patient Lambs, that they adore him with all his

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Traditions and Idolatries, and worship him as Vice-God. To effect these Things, they have a long Time been meditating some great War, which they have delighted upon this Occasion to prolong, and to carry it up to the utmost Heighth. Thus having destroyed the Liberty of the *Bohemians*, put out the Light of the Gospel, and defeated and routed their King, they have subjected the Kingdom to *Popish* Lust and Arbitrary Power, and go on to maintain what they have got by the War.

The Security of the  
*Evangelics.*

XI. The Security of the modern *Evangelics*, their Ingratitude towards God, and their Impiety to Posterity, who either could not see or would not regard these pernicious and wicked Designs upon the Church. Liberty, that great Gift of God, they suffer to be snatched from them, and even the saving Light of heavenly Truth to be put out, and themselves and theirs to be deprived of Salvation. The *Heathens* preferred the Liberty of their Country, the *Christians* the means of Salvation to all the Conveniencies of Life, even to dear Life itself; these now will lose both, only to enjoy a vile, slavish Life and damnable Pleasures for a Time with *Anti-Christ*, under his Vassals, where Life is unhappier than Death. Oh ye wise Men! Are not so great Gifts to be more greatly valued? Should not they be preserved with great Zeal? And to be transmitted to all Posterity through your Hands? Is Posterity thus easily to be defrauded of their Salvation through your Security? And all to be given up to the Lust of *Anti-Christ*? God will not suffer this hostile Security, Ingratitude and Impiety to go unpunished; but will visit and revenge

venge it, by a Continuance of the War, and a with-holding that delicious Tranquility, against which they have imagined.

XII. The inhuman and unchristian Desertion, The Desertion and and even Opposition from the rest of the *Evangelics*, to the *Bohemians*, and the *Palatine* opposing of the Bohemians and the Palatine. defending that very good and common Cause of the *Protestants* and their Welfare. For they seeing more nearly the Designs of Anti-Christ and the Importance of the Affair, were desirous of being the first in curbing him, and preserving the saving Gospel in the Empire, thinking, poor Creatures! that the rest of the *Evangelics* would have minded these things too, and rather have offer'd them help, than have confided in Anti-Christ. But they were so drown'd in Pleasure and Security, depending upon the integrity of the Slaves of Anti-Christ, who craftily palliated their Designs, that they not only shamefully deserted the *Bohemians* and *Palatine*, but even oppos'd and attack'd them in hostile Manner: Which God now seems to be punishing in this long and wasting Civil War, by depriving the whole Empire of the glorious Run of the Gospel.

XIII. The contentious Writings, virulent The Contentious Writing of Divines. Calumnies, and furious Invectives of certain *Divines* against the *Orthodox* under the Name of *Calvinists*; by which they very much divided the *Evangelics*, and encouraged the Enemy to infest us. For in *Bohemia*, a great part of the Barons and Nobles imposed upon by their Parish Priests, looked upon the *Palatine* as a *Calvinist*, not mightily to be valued and honoured as a King, much less to be supported

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with all their Power. Wherefore they carried on the War neither vigorously nor with a true Zeal, till to their great Shame, they and their Zealot-Priests were subdued and stripped of all they had. Thus in the Empire the Minds of the Protestants are distracted by these Calamities, their Unions dissolved and disclaimed; while the insulting Enemy is every Day setting upon one or another, dividing them and then breaking them to pieces. Thus one part of the Evangelics cannot so easily repel the Force of the Enemy and obtain a Peace, which without Doubt they might have obtained, if they had continued as Leagu'd and as United as the Papists.

The Zeal  
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*Papists.*

XIV. The Zeal without Knowledge and perverse Sense of all the *Papists*, who are made to believe by their little Priests and Jesuits, that the Popish Church is the only, true, *Catholic* Church, and that whatever their Priests say, is the true saving Word, and therefore that they are the only true Christians who are not seduced; on the contrary, that the *Protestant* Religion is a damnable Heresy, that the Protestants are Heretics and abominable Enemies to Christ, who have been seduced and ought to be rooted out. Whether these things are so or no, they will never plainly see and know from the Scriptures. This seems to them a very strange and difficult thing; they leave it to the Priests alone; nay, they dare not so much as look into the Scriptures and learn from them with a good Conscience. Thus blindly they feed the Whore and Beast Anti-Christ, under the Title of the Catholic Church, to their own Ruin with their own Strength; and



and too much endeavour to promote and establish her with their own Blood. But the true Evangelical Church of Christ they ignorantly or rather most pertinaciously torment with Wars and persecute to their greater Damnation. And thus by excommunicating, cruelly torturing, overthrowing and killing the Followers of Christ, they think to do God Service. For this Persecution they call the Reformation of the Church, and believe that they do no Hurt by it, but only their Duty: As the Jews and Pharisees, when they crucified Christ, and persecuted his Disciples, said that they cut off a blasphemous Seducer, and seditious Rebels. This is the Way they carry on the War so obstinately, and because they can persuade themselves, would persuade the World, that they act justly, piously and meritoriously.

XV. The *Austrians* love of Honour, Ambition, and Incredulity, or Diffidence, who neither content with the Title of Arch-Duke, affect those of King and Emperor, nor thankful for their Election into those high Dignities, insist upon being hereditarily so, soon violate their Word, prophane their Covenants, and break their Oaths and Reversals as often as they please, by a sacrilegious Fetch of the Jesuits, or Dispensation of the Pope. For in *Bohemia* the elected Kings and Emperors might have reigned as peaceably as the Hereditary, if they had not pretended to the Honour of Hereditary Government, had not sought out another Power than that to which they were elected, and so kept to their Agreement, and given the *Protestants* no Suspicion of Persecution. But when they had done all this, they first gave

The Ambition and Incredulity of the *Austrians*.

Cause for a War, and as the Chronicle of the Monastery of *Bolislaw* gives us the saying of the first raiser of this Family: IN CONFIRMING THE PRIVILEGES OF THE BOHEMIANS THEY SHALL HAVE PEN AND INK ENOUGH, BUT UPON A PROPER OCCASION ALL MAY BE CUT OFF WITH THE NECK: So they have done now. *Matthias* and *Ferdinand*, have freely broke the Oaths and Reversals they took in *Bohemia* for the Defence of the Peace of the *Evangelics*, and by a most turbulent, preconceiv'd Opinion have determin'd that no Faith is to be kept with *Heretics*; whereas neither is this Usage *Christian*, nor are the *Evangelics*, *Heretics*. Whence they have brought upon themselves Contempt and these troubles, and by not keeping their Faith have lost it.

The bestial  
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XVI. The bloody and bestial Nature and intolerable Yoke of the *Spaniards* and the rest of the *Papists*. For though they would be thought very mild, and by their deceitful Tongue promise humanity; yet they do not govern the Kingdoms and Provinces in their Possession as good Fathers and true Shepherds; but, as Enemies, Oppressors and Tyrants, lay them wast; rob the People of their *Liberties* and *Privileges*; chuse rather to bear them down by a servile Yoke and cruel War, than to reign in Peace; will not tolerate *Protestant Christians* in their Dominions, when they can tolerate blasphemous *Jews*, and the most impious of Men, and encourage them all; call only *Protestants*, *Heretics*, *Rebels*, *Seditious* and *unworthy of Life*, take and torture them with most horrible Punishments and cruel Deaths, to give their Eyes Pleasure. O Clemency! Whose Government all Mankind, especially the poor *Christians* abhor. *Ferdinand* might have lawfully reign'd in *Bohemia*, if he would have accepted the Kingdom

dom peaceably, not depress'd it with Wars, depriv'd the Nobles of their *Immunities* and *Dignities*, the *Evangelics* of their Religion, Life or Safety, and restor'd Peace to the Empire. If he would have let every one enjoy his Liberty, his Conscience, and antient good things, he had not breath'd out Persecutions and Death and *Banns* against all *Protestants*. But as the contrary hap'n'd and innocent Blood was thirsted after; hence a justifiable provocation was given the *Evangelics* to their lawful Defense, and even a War it self.

XVII. The affected Blindness and cursed Timidity of some *Protestants* who will not yet see that it is not so much the business of their *Country* as of their *Religion* that is to be done; and therefore they will not joyn their Forces with the Confederates, for the Defense of the Gospel and the curbing the *Papists*, or for the speedy procuring a firm Peace: But idly look upon all the Violence and Oppression of their Neighbours without any compassion; fearing the Dangers of the Event of War, that if the *Protestants* should happen to be overcome, they themselves might suffer Persecution in common with others. Thus while others were oppress'd and forsaken, they chose rather to cultivate Peace with the *Papists* and to enjoy the Delights of a transitory Life; which then they will obtain, when they fall off to them. For they see the dreadful Beast strong; reckon up his Successes, think upon the Weakness, fewness and slaughter of the Saints who fight against him; and doubt whether the Lamb will overcome. They admire the wily Beast, and contrary to what *Moses* did by his Faith, chuse rather to delight

The blindness and fearfulness of some Protestants

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in Sin with the *Ægyptians*, than to suffer Persecution in contrition with Christ and his People. By which wickedness they add Courage to the Anti-Christians, provoke God to continue this War, and in the end to punish them by it.

The Seduction of the Saxon by the Spaniard.

XVIII. The horrid Seduction of and ill-advancing Authority over the *Saxon* from the *Spanish Austrians* by their Doctors and Counsellors, who although he had not long before that made a secret Treaty with *Matthias* and *Ferdinand*; yet the Affairs of *Bohemia* looking doubtfully, he had conceiv'd hope of the Kingdom, of which when he was disappointed, he envied the *Palatine* the Crown, and pretending that the *Calvinists* design'd to abolish *Popery* and *Lutheranism*, he concluded that the Evangelics were not to be defended against Anti-Christ, but to be deserted and oppressed. Moreover he march'd a strong Army against the *Lusatians*, the Confederates of *Bohemia*, and the *Lutherans* themselves incorporated with them, and, sparing no kind of cruelty, promoted the Oppression of the *Bohemians* on the side of *Bautzen*. But under Pretext of a *Neutrality* he deserts the neighbouring *Evangelical Churches*, obtains nothing at all for the poor Sufferers by his jejune Intercessions, is neither regarded, nor yet grows the Wiser. He thinks that no grief can attend Christ, or loss the *Germanic Liberty*, or cares not how that goes, or whether the neighbouring Churches and Provinces are rooted out, provided he and his can but remain safe. But now he and his Adhærents see the contrary, while they feel the avenging Hand of God. The rest of the Protestants bewitch'd by his Authority, together with the Imperial Cities, do the same, and like gaping Brutes, void

void of Christian Sympathy, despise the tribulation of Christ's Members, expecting the forbearance and favour of *Anti-Christ*; which then they will obtain, when he shall resolve to keep Faith with *Heretics*. Mean time, God seems to be afflicting them with a long War; so that now they are acquainted with Sufferings, they will learn how to succour the Distress'd, and not to put their trust in Truce-breakers.

XIX. The Neglect or Omission of Christian Discipline, Prudence and Conscience by most *Evangelics*; who not being instructed and obliged, (and therefore not minding which side they fight for) freely think they may indifferently and without violation of Conscience, inlist for the *Papists* as well as the *Protestants*. Hence multitudes of them bear Arms against God and their Consciences, against the Church and the Truth, against their Country and their Brethren; and then they use their Arms as basely and as cruelly, as the *Papists* themselves, while they should be defending the *Protestants* and setting themselves against the Power of *Anti-Christ*. Luther at one time wrote and published Mandates in the Name of *Jesus Christ*, that none of the faithful should bear Arms against the *Protestants*, or joyn themselves with *Papists*. Now the *Lutherans* take pay indifferently under both; nay all of them, in a manner, sooner joyn with the *Papists* than the oppressed, will sooner be partakers of their Tyranny, their Crimes and their Punishments, than of the Cross of *Christ*: By their Assistance they increase the Strength of *Anti-Christ*, inflame her Cruelty, and devour the Lords little Flock. O ye Lambs! Certain \**Divines* of *Wittenburgh* wrote to the *Bohemians* and the rest

rest of the *Lutherans*, rather to undergo Banishments and Martyrdoms, than to fall off to *Po-pery*. But God beholds how they succour the banished, how far they are from curbing those, who throw the distressed into Exile, and how they go on with Tyrants to torment them. These things cannot proceed from *Christian Prudence*, from a good *Conscience*, the keeping of which God by this War is preparing to Reward, and the neglect of it to punish.

The oppression of the *Bohemians*.

XX. The wicked Oppression of the *Bohemians*, who when they would have given an Account of their Conduct and their punishing the Traytors to their Country (at which they saw Strangers unanimously offended) before the Imperial Senate and Judgment Seat, before the whole World, and have clear'd themselves of the Crime of Rebellion and Lese-Majesty, which was so plausibly charg'd to them, they were not admitted to a hearing, a Privilege denied *them*, though allowed every Offender. When they Petitioned the *Electoral College* that the Election of *Ferdinand* to the Empire might be defer'd, till cognisance were taken of those Disorders, and the Justice on either side might be made to appear, and so *Ferdinand* and they might be reconcil'd, they were rebuff'd: After which they were condemn'd unheard, treated with a thousand Abuses, Reproaches and Injuries, and lastly broken to pieces by the Arms of the ELECTORS and cut off by abominable Executions; when if they had been admitted and heard, Peace might have been established. Now God seems to revenge so many barbarous Injuries by the continuance of the War, and the laying wast the Empire.

*Desertion*



XXI. The *detestable sluggishness, tergiversation* of the *Political Evangelics* and their *treacherous* *Desertion* of their nearest Brethren, which God suffers to spread among them, because he knows their time of Punishment is at Hand. These when they saw the *Papists* making, renewing and confirming of Leagues, joyning their Forces, and meeting together from all the Corners of the World, and attending their Affairs with the utmost Industry: These, bolder than those, stir not a step, dissolve *their* UNIONS, break *their* Leagues, give way to discord, do every thing remissly, and whilst Christ is afflicted and Scourg'd in his Members, and his seemless Coat rent, they think they have no business to grieve or to Sympathize. And thus they too good natur'dly pretend, that they are not personally hurt, that their Religion is not yet taken away from them, and therefore that they have no reason for taking up Arms. In which they have more Humanity for the barbarous Enemy, than for the poor Household of Faith, and think that Religion is not to be defended while present with them, but to be recover'd when lost, by tempting God at last. Like Soldiers standing in an Army, and declining with others to fire against the Enemy, because they are not yet wounded or shot through by them, as if Life and Safety were to be recover'd and defended after Wounds or Death. Nor will they scrutinize any deeper into the *Causes* of this *War*; for which reason they will not suffer themselves to be convinc'd of the Truth, contrary to that they have falsely pre-conceiv'd, think they are under no obligation to give Succour or do Justice to oppress'd Innocence. The *Bohemians* and *Palatines* promis'd themselves their Assistance; but it was either

The Sluggishness, tergiversation, &c. of the Political Evangelics.

not given at all, or not brought seasonably enough to their relief. Now *these* think not a Word about the Matter, nor willingly hear of it ; but either despair, or dream that they can resist the like Calamity by themselves : Like those Country-men, who when a Fire is broke out in a Neighbour's House, take no Pains to extinguish it, will not run to it time enough, but every one looks to his own Cottage ; and if the very next Neighbour takes Fire, they are confident, that they are able to keep off the Flames from their own House ; but by and by the Wind rises, the Flames spread, and they are forced to leave the House and their own Goods to the Mercy of the Fire. Thus this Fire in *Bohemia* might easily have been extinguished, and the Flames suffocated with the Flames of *Babylon*, if all the *Protestants* had seasonably assisted the *Bohemian* and *Palatine*, and had not imagined no Hurt could come to them from their Conflagration. Now many of them feel the scorching Heat of a very great Fire, while themselves learn to part with their Goods, not daring to mention their Grievances, or so much as to beg for a *Mitigation* of their Calamities ; but to leave all to the Discretion of the *Austrio-Spaniards*, and other such barbarous Incendiaries, and a revenging Soldiery.

The Idolatry and Licentiousness in the Papacy. XXII. The *abominable Idolatry* and *wicked Licentiousness* in the *Papacy*, where God and his Word are neglected, while the *Pope* and his *Decrees* are regarded and observed. Whence a downright turning aside from God, Impiety, Superstition, Adoration and Invocation of Creatures, the work of Men's Hands,  
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love of Earthly Things only, Tyranny and Cruelty over the Consciences and Bodies of the defeated Evangelics, Lufts, Rapines and innumerable other Wickednesses reign among them. All which things God is now avenging in this War, as he in former Ages plagued the *Israelites* with Wars for their idolatrous Backslidings, and such like Impieties. For tho' the *Papists* often overcome, yet they themselves are not without Wounds; but are bruised, laid wast, and always afraid of Seditions, or rather of the Divine Vengeance, always paying Armies to go to slaughter with, and sacrifice themselves to the Lamb, while they are invoking their Mock-Gods and Goddeses. Thus, *There is no Peace with the Wicked, saith my God, and the Rejoycing of the Wicked is short.*

XXIII. That frequent Apostasy of the Evangelics, their Impatience and Murmurs against God, their questioning his Providence, their Inhospitallity and Inhumanity towards the Exiles of Christ and their afflicted Fellow-Citizens, their Contempt and Desertion of their Neighbours, their Luxury in Food and Rayment, their Pride, Avarice, Lust and Security unrepented of, with other Crimes of that Sort, by which they boldly offended God, and grieved Christ and his Members: They betray the Imaginations of their Hearts, that they are of those, who believe for a Season; but in a Time of Tryal fall off, unmindful of their Salvation. Whom it hath seemed Good to God thus to reveal, or to soften them to their Duty. For what did they not at length devise? saith the Lord.

The frequent Apostasy, Impatience &c. of the Evangelics.



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XXIV. The last and chief Cause is the FATAL PACIFICATION of PRAGUE brought upon the Stage of *Europe* in the midst of the Act of a very Bloody *Tragædy*, which comprehends all the afore-going Causes in it, and exceeds them in every Sense. For the *Saxon* forgetful of the Social League and his Oaths; after the Death of the King of *Sueden*, and the defeat at *Norlingen*, condescended to a Treaty with the Emperor at *Prague*, Anno 1635; which what pestiferous Mischiefs it brought upon Church and State, the horrible Metamorphosis of the whole Empire, and of *Europe* it self, presents to the Eyes of all. Now the *Austrian* Dictators and the *Saxon* imposing upon the States by the specious Name of *PEACE*, and so involving them in a War far more burthenfome, have got this by it, that *he* has lost his ancient Authority as well in the Empire, as with Foreigners; and *they* by their new Oppressions have very largely encreased the Hatred of all the World, since they have been crying out *Peace, Peace, Peace*, as a fifth Gospel to all, and yet have filled all the Corners of the World with new Flames of War. And why? 'Tis apparent from the *Prague* Decree, that to all these new Creatures of the *Pacificators*, *Their God is their Belly*; *their Religion a Trade*; *their Devotion Hypocrisy*; *their Mother Simony*; *their Espousals Covetousness*; *their Off-spring the Reproach of Christianity*; *their End Security*; *Atheism is under the Mask of Religion*; and its condign Reward, the Blaze of Hell.

All these things may be handled more copiously. But that I may say all in one Word;

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THESE THINGS OUGHT TO HAVE COME TO PASS. The last Hour is the worst Time, let us watch! Those Things which God had decreed and the Scriptures had foretold are now come to pass. Sins by Sins, Calamities by Calamities, Wars by Wars are heaped up, punished, purged, melted and calcined. Many wicked Men act wickedly and never grow wise; but the prudent understand.

*Blessed are they who suffer Persecution for Righteousness Sake, for theirs is the Kingdom of God, and a powerful Reward in Heaven. He that shall persevere unto the End shall be saved; he that has worshipped the Beast and taken his Mark, shall drink the Wine of the Wrath of God, and shall be damned to all Eternity.*

Wherefore, *Christian* Reader and Lover of heavenly Truth, and antient Liberty; as often as you are inwardly troubled, as often as you hear and reflect upon these vile Slanders, that the *Bohemian* Rebels were the Authors of those Evils that have befallen us; that they took up defensive Arms without Cause, that the *Palatine* took Part in those Commotions from a Desire of Glory, that the *Calvinists* designed to cut off the *Lutherans*, that the *Austrians* were moderate and justified by their Victories, with other Darts and Flings of this Kind; so often have Recourse to these Causes, and you will vindicate your Friends. He that will be blind, let him still be blind; he that will insult the Miserable, admire the Beast, caper with his Victories and be vile; let him go on, offend, dance and be more vile. But he will not thus end the War with Peace, nor will he have the usual Recesses of Delight and Conversation, till such Time as he either  
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repents, or is overtaken by that Day, where-  
in every one shall be rewarded according to  
what he has done ; when the Persecutors and  
inhuman Deserters of the least of Christ's dis-  
tressed Ones, and all Tyrants and Worship-  
pers of the Beast shall be cast into Everlasting  
Fire, prepared for the Devil and his Angels,  
and tormented without End. As to those who  
contend with you, that the *Bohemians* are con-  
quered, and therefore chatter that their Cause  
is bad : Be but silent, and a very *Heathen* will  
answer them for you.

————— *Careat Successibus opto !*  
*Quisquis ab eventu facta notanda putat.*

*Luke* xiii. Christ himself will effectually answer these  
*Ver.* 2, 3. *Reckoners of strange Causes : Think you that*  
*these were greater Sinners than all other Men, be-*  
*cause they have suffered such Things ? In no wise ;*  
*I tell you except ye repent, ye shall all likewise*  
*perish.*

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*hemians.* *stry, Luxury in Food and Apparel, Neglect of the*  
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*lent, that God most justly punisheth the De-*  
*sertion of it with his Destruction and Cha-*  
*stisement beyond all other Neglects. For*  
*God's Sake, Has not Germany laid snoring,*  
*and still snoreth plunged in these Sins to the*  
*same or a greater Degree ? Has not she pro-*  
*voked, doth not she still provoke God to cha-*  
*stise her ? How often was the Church of Is-*  
*rael delivered into the Hands of her Enemies ?*  
*How many Kingdoms have been taken from*  
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the Christians by the *Turks*? Hath not the Beast Power given him to war with the Christians, and to overcome them? Who can say therefore, that the Cause of the Saints, of the Church and of the Christians is bad? and condemn them, and justify the *Beast*, *Tyrants* and *Turks*? They are overcome, not by the Goodness of the Enemies Cause; but by their greater Number, and too slack a Defense of a righteous Cause; in which since the *Germans* cannot excel them, let them beware, that they fall not into the same or greater Calamities than those they have experienced, rather than please themselves in condemning the *Bohemians* and *Palatines*, and justifying *Anti-Christ*. And supposing the *Bohemians* had not taken up defensive Arms; but had given up themselves and all belonging to them as Sheep to the slaughter, or had revolted to *Popery*: what Good would the *Germans* have received from thence? The *Bohemians*, if they had turned *Papists* themselves, would have vexed the *Germans* most heartily, and subdued them to *Anti-Christ*: As some Apostates now do. But *Bohemia*, by taking up Arms alarmed all the World, that the Cruelty of *Anti-Christ* and the Righteousness of *God* might be made known, that the Imaginations of the Hearts of many might be revealed, that *Christians* might be tryed and watch, that God might shew forth his Glory; and lastly, that a peculiar Good might redound from hence to the *true Church*: Nor doth any thing come to pass, without the will of our heavenly Father. Now let the Gainsayers litigate with the Replications, Apologies and Deductions of the *Bohemians*, with the Protestations, Wrongs, Martyrdoms and Blood of the  
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*Palatines* (the Cry of which goes up to Heaven) as also with their invincible Consciences (which never yielded to Punishments) and with the Souls of those who cry out under the Altar for God's Vengeance, with the Tears of their most afflicted Survivors, their Widows, their little Ones, and so of every Creature : And after they themselves have abused Peace under Evangelical Princes, have groaned under a *Popish* Magistrate for two hundred Years, have been worried by so many Tricks of that Race of Vipers the *Jesuits*, and been plagued as the *Bohemians* and *Palatines* have now been ; then let them pass what Sentence they will. Now they ought rather to have condoled with the oppressed, to have succoured them, and bravely have defended themselves with them against so great a Power and Tyranny of the *AUSTRIO-SPANIARDS*, and by Repentance and Prayers ardently to have implored the Assistance and Protection of God.

Farewel, Good *Christian*, thou constant Lover of true Religion, and thy Country's Liberty, Farewel.

**O** THOU our Lord God Almighty, Everlasting Father of infinite Mercy and Compassions, remember not our Iniquities : Stay thine Hand ; remember thy Servants, and hear their Groans for the Peace of Jerusalem. Deliver, O God, Israel from all her Troubles. Lord hear, Lord grant, Lord attend and accomplish it : Do not thou Delay, my God, for thy Name's Sake, because thy City, and thy People are called after thy Name.



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